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Letters

EDITOR'S NOTE: We had an overwhelming response to our story on student drinking on campus. In lieu of our usual editorial, we are publishing as many letters as space permits.

The article "Let The Good Times Roll . . . but At What Price?" reminded me of my first evening at Washington College in the fall of 1971. My parents brought me to campus to begin my first academic year and, after seeing I was settled in, my mother noticed some kegs being unloaded near Kent. "Oh, isn't that nice," she commented naively to my father, "some refreshments for the parents." My father, looking around and seeing that parents were distinctly in the minority and that a rock-and-roll band was setting up, replied, "No, I don't think so, dear. I believe it's for the students." He was right. That's the light side, but there was a dark side as well.

As a faculty member at a small, exclusive four-year liberal arts college in New England I want your readers to know that Sue De Pasquale's article on drinking at WC describes a problem that is endemic at colleges and universities across the country. She certainly could have been writing about where I teach. The big difference is that the alumni magazine here probably would not risk exposing the issue. It took courage to print a piece and it made me feel proud to be a part of the WC community.

Jeffrey R. Timm '75
Norton, Massachusetts

The responsible alcohol policy at WC is a terrific idea, something that was absent when I matriculated. However, it will always be a serious uphill battle because of the years of subliminal and often blatant advertising promoting drug use which has guided us since we were children.

Television, radio, and publications have promoted drug use through advertising. "Feel bad? Take this chemical compound to alleviate whatever ails you." Aspirin, cough/cold medicine, vitamins, whatever.

This education begins when a child starts to watch TV, listens to radio, and reads commercial publications. The message is clear—TAKE SOMETHING TO FEEL GOOD. By the time a person enters WC, he or she has been instructed to "take something" for 18 years. Re-educating will be tough.

I applaud your policies—good luck!!

P.S. My senior picture portrays me drinking a beer in a student lounge in Kent House.

E.D. Karpe '70
Silver Spring, Maryland

I was touched by the candidness of Ms. Pat Trams. She struck a chord within me that I had been unable to put into words, but had frequently contemplated. Her ability to capture both the elation and desperation of my collegiate years as affected by alcohol was uncanny. It is difficult to separate all the many experiences of a college education. It is even more difficult when those experiences are inexorably intertwined with the insidiousness of alcoholism and drug abuse. As she so poignantly stated, some do not survive.

This is not meant to be a condemnation of the time-honored collegiate tradition of getting obliterated from time to time. That's the stuff that many good memories are made of. But it also may be the very thing that unleashes emotional pain and tragedy. It is a calculated risk that often is not considered by those undertaking it. Luckily most of us survive. And some of us try to pass along a small bit of cautionary wisdom to the next generation as I have tried to do here.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my appreciation for Ms. Trams' article. I hope it saves someone the heartache of having to deal with a "Harpo" in their life.

Patrick J. O'Connor
Bridgeport, Connecticut

Back in September, as a sagging physique interrupted an otherwise flawless approach shot to the first green at the annual Labor Day Calcutta, I said . . .

"I'd give $250 to lose 50 pounds by Christmas!"

Lo and behold . . . in mid-December, when all hope is despair . . . there arrives at the door the Winter 1990 edition of the *Washington College Magazine*. There's Ron Draich, Doug Gabes and me on the cover for all to see! A full 100 pounds lighter!

Let the good times roll! Please find check enclosed.

Robert H. LeCates '59
Leawood, Kansas

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THE REPORTER

Campaign For Excellence Closes Over The Mark

Campaign leaders and Development Office staffers are sending hearty thanks to donors, congratulating each other for a job well done, and breathing a collective sigh of relief. The Campaign is over.

Not only did the Campaign meet its goal of $41.1 million, it raised an additional $2.6 million for good measure. College administrators closed the books on the the five-year campaign on December 31, 1990, with a grand total of $43.7 million.

The Campaign for Excellence, initiated by then-president Douglass Cater and led by co-chairmen Alonzo G. Decker and James W. Price, supported a flurry of building and renovation projects on campus, the most recent of which was initiated in December at a groundbreaking ceremony for the Benjamin A. Johnson Lifetime Fitness Center.

No area of student life was untouched by the campaign. New facilities for the arts, the sciences and recreation were provided. Several dormitories, the dining room in Hodson Hall and the offices in Bunting Hall were renovated. Unifying the campus configuration is the new Casey Academic Center — on the third floor of this building is the state's first totally electronic classroom. And the entire campus is wired — for an academic computing program that has become the model for small liberal arts and sciences colleges nationwide.

Other accomplishments include increased endowment for scholarships and faculty enrichment funds, expanded academic opportunities and academic chairs, and additional funds for the general operating budget. (For a complete breakdown of Campaign accomplishments, see the Campaign story beginning on page 10.)

President Charles Trout, Mayor Elmer Horsey, Athletic Director Geoff Miller, Trustee Bill Johnson and Chairman Louis Goldstein preside at the groundbreaking.

College Breaks Ground For Johnson Fitness Center

Several members of the Benjamin A. Johnson '11 family gathered with the College community in early December to break ground for a new athletic facility to be named in honor of the late Chief Justice of Maryland.

Represented at the groundbreaking for the Benjamin A. Johnson Lifetime Fitness Center were three generations of Johnsons descended from the prominent Eastern Shore lawyer and judge, including College Trustee William B. Johnson '40 and Benjamin Johnson's grandson Kirk (whose tribute to his grandfather is reprinted opposite).

Spurred by a $500,000 leadership grant made by Bill Johnson, several members of the Johnson family contributed to the new facility.

Many alumni also answered the call. Responding enthusiastically to the College's first solicitation of alumni for a capital project, more than 120 alumni

Who Was Benjamin A. Johnson?

By Kirk B. Johnson
Excerpted from Comments Made At The Groundbreaking Ceremony

I am honored to say a few words about my grandfather, Benjamin Alvin Johnson. He was a great man, and I believe it is fitting and fortunate for the College to have a great new building named after him.

There is a saying I have heard that "no great man is a good man" and it is true that many of our great leaders have not been particularly good men. I think Ben Johnson was both.

He was without question a lawyer and a judge of great distinction. In 20 years of private practice, he never lost a case on appeal. When he was elected in 1934 to be Chief Judge of the First Judicial Circuit of Maryland, he polled the largest number of votes ever recorded. He was the first chief judge elected from Wicomico County. As chief judge he served as a member of the courts of the four counties of the lower Eastern Shore. He wrote hundreds of opinions and affected the lives and fortunes of thousands of Marylanders.

He dominated the First Circuit and privately wrote many of the opinions for his less astute judicial colleagues. The parties in those cases were lucky for that. He was clear, concise and exquisitely logical — applying common sense and legal precedent in a way that brought trust and respect.

And he improved the process of the judicial system as well. It was he who instituted the practice of psychiatric evaluation for defendants in the First Circuit, a routine part of fair trial today, and it was he who ended the procedure whereby children were tried like adults in open court.

By virtue of his chief judgeship he was also a member of the highest court of the state — the Court of Appeals in Annapolis. His judgments there set precedent for the entire state. He was a wonderful judge — with a great knowledge of, and sympathy for, human nature, and he always had the courage to do the right thing.

When I got my first office as a lawyer in Chicago, I hung up a picture of the Maryland Court of Appeals of the 1940s. Among the men in that picture is, of course, Benjamin Alvin Johnson. He was a striking man — with piercing eyes and what we have come to know as the Johnson nose.

As a young lawyer I was proud of my grandfather for his achievements. Yet the real source of inspiration for me has been his personal qualities.

When a scandal arose involving the misuse of county funds, my grandfather refused to cover it up — even though friends and colleagues were involved. He took the charges to the grand jury. Convictions were returned, and he appointed honest men as their successors.

When lynching parties were rumored for some unpopular people accused of crimes, it was he who quietly got them out of town so they could be safely tried in another county.

He was told as a young politician running for the circuit court that he must formally join a church and promote his religious faith. But though he believed in God and respected all religions, he never joined. When he did go to church it was the Baptist church — often the black Baptist church — because he enjoyed the music and the people.

My grandfather was raised on a farm and when he died he owned three farms. With the exception of Washington College and one year at Baltimore Law School, he was a product of the simplest country schools. Yet he was a self-taught scholar who loved Latin and classical studies and, no doubt to the chagrin of my father and his friends, he supplemented their studies with his own classes in Latin.

My grandfather was a great outdoorsman. He also loved to dance and play the fiddle with his friends. He was a man who seemed to feel threatened by no one, who could find the lesson and hope in every hardship, and apparently the fun in almost any occasion. He would host parties for the firemen after they put out the periodic fires on his roof. He had an indomitable spirit. After his second stroke he was told to have his arm amputated, but he refused and eventually recovered its full use.

My grandfather — for all his activities — was never particularly fit. He would have enormously appreciated the honor, and no doubt smiled at the irony, of having a fitness center named after him.

He was not a rich philanthropist, nor a corporate executive, nor a Wall Street lawyer. He had few vanities except for his good name and his dogs. His name, I believe, is the right name to place before the young people of his college as they chart their destinies in the world today.

have given $1,000 or more to the campaign, and hundreds more gave smaller gifts. Other major gifts of more than $75,000 came from the Kresge Foundation, the Starr Foundation, the Hodson Trust, Louis L. Goldstein '35, Campaign Co-chairmen Alonzo G. Decker, Jr. and W. James Price, L. Clifford Schroeder, and Grace N. Johnson.

Plans for the sports complex include modular space that can facilitate practices for outdoor teams during inclement weather, as well as providing recreational space for basketball, tennis and volleyball. The centerpiece of the facility will be a 4,000-square-foot fitness center.

Also in the plans are a jogging track, squash/racquetball courts, and an aerobic dance workout room. The facility will be connected to the existing gymnasium.

Construction for the Benjamin A. Johnson Lifetime Fitness Center is expected to begin this spring and be completed within 12 months.

Lyons Is Appointed Vice President For Development

Shawn J. Lyons, Director of Development at Centre College in Danville, Kentucky, has been named Vice President for Development and College Relations at Washington College.

Lyons succeeds F. David Wheelan who left the College in October to head up a $300 million dollar development campaign for The Nature Conservancy.

In announcing the appointment President Trout stated, "Shawn Lyons was enthusiastically recommended by the Vice-Presidential Search Committee as well as the faculty, staff, and alumni who met with him. He has an excellent track record at Centre and I am delighted that he will now bring his energy and expertise to Washington College."

During his nine years at Centre College Lyons was involved in all areas of the development effort. After graduating from Centre in 1981, he stayed on as an admissions counselor, then became the Alumni Secretary, then a Special Assistant to the President and, in 1985, the Director of Development. In that post Lyons managed an Annual Fund that led all colleges and universities in the nation in alumni participation, achieving a 75.4 percent participation rate in 1989, the highest ever attained by any institution. He also directed a successful $39 million dollar capital campaign for Centre.

Lyons and his wife Amy are the parents of three children, Nathan, 5, Amanda, 3, and Aaron, eight months.

College Pitches In To Build Community Playground

The construction of Chestertown's new community playground depended on something money couldn't buy — volunteers. As if drawn by the echo of children's laughter, workers of all ages and degrees of experience descended upon the site at Garnett Elementary School for five days of one glorious November week.

The Washington College community was well-represented by more than 200 students. Each of the 14 varsity teams and the resident assistants from each of the dormitories on campus organized student work crews. Professors, coaches and staff members pitched in, too, joining construction workers on loan from local contracting firms and shifts of moms, dads and children drawn from the community. Even the College President pitched in — Charles Trout was the first volunteer to sign in on the opening day of construction.

They toted, measured and cut lumber, drilled joints, sanded edges. They dug postholes and erected swings and slides. They fed workers and provided child care for workers' youngsters. The result is a magical place of turreted forts and ships' prows where children's imaginations can run free.

Beneficial Hodson Trust Awards College $725,000

At its annual luncheon in December, the Beneficial-Hodson Trust awarded Washington College a grant of $725,000. Finn W. Caspersen, chairman and chief executive officer of Beneficial Corporation and chairman of the Beneficial-Hodson Trust, made the presentation to President Charles H. Trout.

This gift brings the total amount awarded to the College from the Trust since the first gift in 1936 to more than $15.3 million.

President Trout called the grant "a magnificent benefaction." He said he was moved by a passange in the original document establishing the Hodston Trust that speaks of giving "grants of money . . . in a spirit of helpfulness, love charity or philanthropy. . . ."

"To see that this spirit prevails some 70 years later makes one believe in the forces of historical continuity," Trout said.

Washington College will apply this year's grants to three areas — facilities, endowment and equipment. $500,000 will be applied to the Benjamin A. Johnson Lifetime Fitness Center project. $200,000 will be added to the Cater Fellows Endowment Fund in support of the Society of Junior Fellows, a program established with Hodson Trust funds last year to honor retiring president Douglass Cater. The Society of Junior Fellows encourages students to pursue independent academic study. The remaining $25,000 will be used to purchase two new rowing shells.

Young Alumnus Plays Key Role In Congressional Race

By Andrea Kehoe '89

When Tony Caligiuri '90 was busy studying voting trends and party platforms as a political science major, he did not expect that just days after graduation he would be plotting campaign strategy for a political novice's successful Congressional race.

Last fall he helped Wayne Gilchrest, a Kent County High School teacher never before elected to public office, defeat ten-year incumbent Roy Dyson for a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives and won a job on the Hill himself. "It feels good to know that you won and you didn't have to engage in a negative campaign, you didn't tell any lies, and you spent 25 cents for every dollar the other guy had," he says.

Caligiuri started out as a volunteer on the Gilchrest campaign more than a year ago. In between part-time classes at Washington College and a job as administrative assistant for Maryland State Senator William Amos, he clipped newspapers and researched issues at the campaign's Chestertown headquarters. With seven other Republicans — some with political experience — vying for the nomination in Maryland's First District, Gilchrest's prospects looked dim, and funds trickled in. "When we started out we didn't have any office furniture, or even stamps," Caligiuri recalls. "We had to raise $25 so we could buy a roll of stamps."

His work for Amos and a past stint as an intern for the Southern Maryland delegation to Maryland's General Assembly, as well as experience as a volunteer on an unsuccessful 1986 Congressional campaign, made Caligiuri familiar with the world of politics and with issues in the First District. After graduation, his job for Amos completed, he took on the responsibilities of press secretary and strategist for the Gilchrest campaign. When Gilchrest met with President Bush at the White House after winning the primary, Caligiuri got a peek at the Oval Office before setting up a press conference on the White House lawn. Reporters began referring to him as Gilchrest's campaign manager, though he never formally received that title.

"It's so exciting you don't realize how long you're working," he said. "You're completely consumed by the campaign, totally separated from the world around you. I have a lot of friends who probably thought I was dead, since I didn't return phone calls."

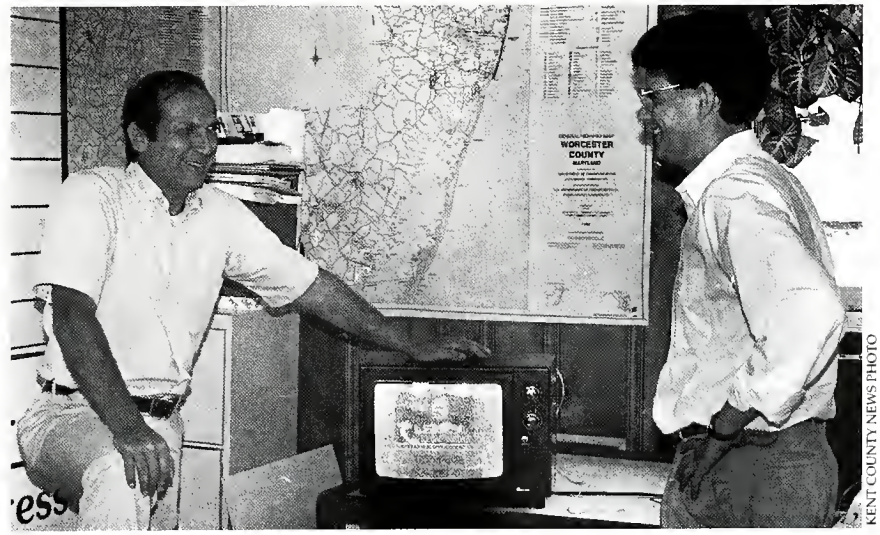
Paid $225 weekly, Caligiuri put in 12- to 15-hour days seven days a week, fielding questions from reporters, writing and buying airtime for radio and television commercials, organizing press conferences when Vice President Dan Quayle and Senator Jack Kemp came to stump for Gilchrest. He also sought out Washington College political science professor Ed Weissman for advice.

As the race wound up, the Republican National Committee urged the Gilchrest campaign to attack Dyson, a Democrat plagued by controversy over campaign contributions and his conscientious objector status during the Vietnam war. Caligiuri resisted, but worried about the consequences just the same. "If you're wrong in the end, you haven't just lost the argument," he said. "You've lost the election."

But Caligiuri was able to throw away the cover letters he had planned to mail out with his resumé the day after the election. After a week's rest in the Blue Ridge Mountains, he began setting up Gilchrest's Washington, D.C. office, where he will serve as administrative assistant. He hopes to cut back his workdays to spend more time with his fiancee, Lynn Burris '89. Life on the Hill has had its high points already, such as getting Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney on the phone. "It's - intimidating," Caligiuri admitted. "You think, 'My God, I can't have that kind of access.'"

Still, he has no intention of becoming a political junkie who can't see beyond the Beltway. An apartment outside of Washington, in Stevensville, Md., on the Eastern Shore, will keep him in touch with the voters, he says. And he doesn't expect his boss, who showed up at the Capitol building the first week in jeans and a flannel shirt, to become a stereotypical politician.

When the two first caught sight of the highback leather chair in Gilchrest's new office, Caligiuri was reminded of the videotape of *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* he watched after the election. "He is the movie," Caligiuri says. "His attitude about Washington, everything. It's a case of a nice guy getting elected to Congress, and it's amazing to play a role in it."



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Tony Caligiuri (right) watches the primary returns with Wayne Gilcrest.

Students React To The Gulf War

by J. Tarin Towers '94

The first day of spring semester classes coincided with the January 15th deadline for Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait. That evening, students filled Norman James Theatre to discuss the Gulf war and organize student action.

Juniors Joe Hamilton and Tamy Hickman called the meeting to encourage movements for peace. However, many showed up simply hoping for information about the war, saying that before they can even begin to form an opinion or decide how to act, they need more information.

A week later, four professors — political science professors Tahir Shad and Ed Weissman, mathematics professor Kenneth Wantling (who went to high school in Beirut) and sociology professor Steven Cades attempted to fill that void. After presenting a panel discussion of the war from historical and political points of view, they opened the floor for questions and debate.

Students' reactions to the war are mixed. Uncertain about whether to believe media reports, freshman Nate Harned says: "I tend to support the country in what it's doing, but I don't know how to feel about this war."

Wendi Sue Eskridge '94 , although she has friends and family serving in the Persian Gulf, is patriotic and supports the U.S. government. "I don't like war to happen . . . no one should die to help the economy . . . but those soldiers took the chance of fighting a war when they enlisted."

At presstime, two freshmen, Sara Hunt and Abrah Wilberding, were organizing a "teach-in." Both sides of the issue are to be represented by authorities from outside the College, as well as professors, and it might include a formal debate.

"I was bothered by the sense of apathy on campus," Wilberding explains. "Even if you just do something small . . . do something. There are people [on campus] who don't care about the war, but we have to, because our generation will be affected by it the most," she adds.

Despite threats of violence or terrorism, Washington College students have attended the national peace rallies held in Washington in January, and students have held their own vigils for peace.

Sophomore Tanya Cunic coordinated a series of midnight candlelight vigils in support of the troops. The first took place under the Elm tree on January 15. On the 20th, students marched from the Elm, along High Street, to the docks at the foot of the Chester River. Several students and townspeople, including President Charles H. Trout and his wife, Katherine, took part.

Cunic was emphatic that these vigils are not expressions of anti-war sentiment. Although personally against the war, she believes that the troops need our support. "I actually expected opposition. But I believe you can protest war while still supporting the troops and keeping morale up."

Some pro-war advocates suggest that demonstrations against the war will lower troop morale. Sophomore Jim Jenkins, who is pro-war, says there is nothing wrong with a peaceful demonstration on either side. He detests violent acts in the name of peace. "Some people, without having all the facts, start rallying not just for peace, but against the government.

"There's nothing wrong with liberalism . . . but being against whatever the government does doesn't help. We need more general patriotism, more rallying around the flag." Jim believes that the decision to declare war was not made lightly, and that people need to back its government. "The important thing is to support our troops," Jim adds.

Other student action includes a community blood drive and participation in the massive letter writing campaign to the troops.

KENT COUNTY NEWS PHOTO

College students lead the procession for peace through Chestertown.

Junior Marine Reservist Awaits Call To Action

Jason West, a junior drama major, may soon face the harsh realities of war. A Lance Corporal in a Baltimore unit of Marine Corps Reserves, he has been called to active duty twice — only to have those orders rescinded. He remains on notice that he may be called again.

West was first called up before Thanksgiving. His second letter

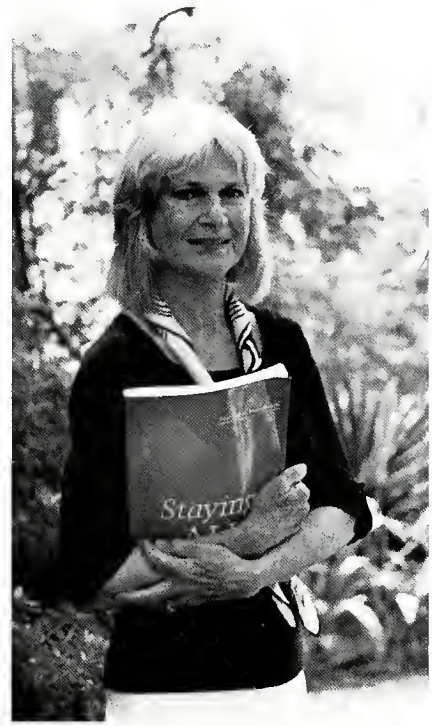
Alumna Finds Vitality Within Herself

"The biggest waste of energy is the inability to self-observe." So says Marylil Knotts Humphreys '39, a teacher of wellness dynamics who looks, feels and acts 30 years younger than her age.

"The second biggest waste of energy," she continues, "is a feeling of loss of control over your life. " That is, stress. Yet even if you have no control over the federal deficit or the threat of war, she says, you do have control over the three important things: thinking, breathing and eating.

"I know that I can convert my thoughts from negative to positive, or at least neutral, by meditation; I can quiet my mind and body by conscious breathing; and I am always in control of what I eat," says Humphreys, the woman who has made living her life an holistic art.

The author of a new book called Staying Alive: The Complete Guide to Energy Renewal, Humphreys believes that every human being has untapped resources of energy within himself. During the past 14 years she has been helping others become aware of their body-mind connection through classes at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and a workshop called Dynamics of Wellness she conducts for the elder hostel program.



Her students are people who want to work from a preventive angle at the process of living. "You don't have to be sick to get better," she exclaims. She teaches them techniques of relaxation through breathing and exercise, nutrition and self-awareness skills that will help them stay healthy.

Humphreys adopted a holistic approach to living in the late 1960s when she began studying yoga. From that point, she says, it was a natural progression to explore parallel paths: the Alexander Technique of body alignment, the Feldenkrais Method of awareness through movement, massage, aerobics exercise, eating as self-help, biofeedback, neuro-linguistic programming and behavioral kinesiology (a technique to reveal energy embalances in the body).

In her book, she presents these and other systems for personal energy renewal that can improve the quality of one's life. "It is important that people know each of us has a personal source of available energy, and that inner energy is our most crucial index of our own well-being," she says. "Every behavioral scientist maintains that we use only a small percentage of our available energy.

"It becomes a form of self-empowerment, a method of life-expansion," she says of these energy renewal techniques. "And it is a course of action that is open to everyone."

Copies of Humphreys' book may be purchased by writing her at 1132 Princeton Drive, Wilmington, NC 28403.

arrived on January 16, the day the Persian Gulf War began.

If and when he is called up again, he says, he will most likely undergo 28 days of desert training in California before being deployed to the Middle East.

Trained as a combat engineer, he specializes in demolition and fortification work. During invasions, he explains, combat engineers clear a path for tanks and infantry troops defusing landmines, clearing concertina and barbed wire and leveling anti-tank ditches and berms that hamper the progress of advancing troops.

It is hard and dangerous work — seemingly unbefitting a drama major. Yet first and foremost, West is a Marine. He decided a long time ago that if his country went to war, he wanted to be a part of it. His father served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, and his grandfather invaded Normandy on D-Day of World War II.

"I didn't want to be in the peacetime military," West explains, "but if the situation was serious enough to warrant war, I wanted to be prepared to defend my country." He completed Marine Corps basic training the summer after his freshman year, and trained at Parris Island during the summer of 1989.

"I am ready to go when they call me," he says. "I am part of the best trained forces in the world and I am ready. I am a Marine."

West says his family and classmates have been supportive of his wartime role. At the outbreak of war, students initiated a series of candlelight vigils in a show of concern for U.S. troops.

Dean Joins Board of Educom

Provost and Dean Elizabeth R. Baer was appointed last fall to the Board of Trustees of EDUCOM, a non-profit consortium of colleges and universities devoted to furthering academic computing. The appointment "represents a vote of confidence for the Washington College academic computing program," says Baer.

Washington College's academic computing program is considered a model for small liberal arts colleges.

Baer will serve on the Board's Services and Conferences Committee. Next year's annual conference is in San Diego, and in 1992 the group will meet at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

Casey Academic Center Opens

Students chat together or meet with faculty over pastries and coffee in the foyer of the new Eugene B. Casey Academic Center. It is here that they meet friends, open mail, and plan their daily activities.

Offices and student facilities moved into the new building over the winter break. The College bookstore, the Student Affairs Office and the Admissions Office were in full swing when students arrived for spring semester.

Freshman Tarin Towers says students no longer have to share a mailbox and the lines in the bookstore are much shorter. "Things are easier to find because it is less cramped than the old quarters in the basement of Hodson Hall," she says.

Michael Malone, associate professor of economics, has put the advanced computing classroom to the test. The classroom has 20 student Mac IIs and an instructor station that controls video and audio equipment. "At first I had a bit of technological phobia," he admits, "but now I'm excited by all the possibilities. The classroom offers many different ways to present information to students."

He has prepared graphics presentations for his Principles of Economics class, and changed the textbook this semester to obtain companion Hypercard stacks of graphs, definitions and principles in action. Students can access this Hypercard stack from other stations on campus for study, says Malone.

Language students are thrilled to be in a functional language laboratory, says German professor Lida Baldwin. And because the new lab equipment is computerized, "there are more creative ways for language acquisition." Twenty units with listening and recording capabilities enable students to work individually or in groups to perfect pronunciation and inflection. Students can communicate with each other, or record their own voice on a copy of a master instructional tape for comparison.

Kevin Coveney, Vice President for Admissions and Enrollment Management, says he has enjoyed watching people's reactions — that of students as well as admissions candidates — to the new facility. "The impact is significant," he says, particularly for visiting high school students and their parents.

"Our location puts us in the middle of an academic facility. The people who come to see us see the computing classroom, the language laboratory, the seminar rooms, and the faculty and students in action. It gives them a real sense of what is going on here and makes them feel a part of it."

Students browse through the two-level bookstore in the Casey Center.

Magill Accepts Foundation Post

Sherry Magill, Vice President and Deputy to the President, is resigning in May to become program officer for the Jessie Ball duPont Religious, Charitable and Educational Fund in Jacksonville, Florida.

In making the announcement, President Charles H. Trout expressed his gratitude to Magill for having assisted him through his transition. "Sherry has made significant contributions to Washington College, and will be greatly missed. We are not losing a colleague, however, but gaining a friend in the foundation world."

Says Magill: "I will miss Washington College a great deal. In truth, I grew up here. I have friends and colleagues who will not be easy to leave."

She came to the College in June of 1983 as the Executive Director of the Wye Faculty Seminar, a faculty enhancement program begun by Douglass Cater and Josiah Bunting, then-president of Hampden-Sydney College. Under her leadership, the Seminar gained a national reputation, serving more than 400 colleges and universities nationwide.

A year later President Cater asked Magill to serve as his Executive Assistant while continuing her directorship of the Wye Faculty Seminar. She was promoted four years later to Vice President and Deputy to the President. Her responsibilities have included working closely with the President's Executive Council, the Board of Visitors and Governors, and with the Campaign for Excellence.

Magill also enjoyed teaching. She taught the introductory course in

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American history, a senior level course on American women's history, team-taught a course on the American South with Elizabeth Baer, and advised American Studies majors with thesis obligations.

"One truly hard part of leaving is stepping out of the classroom," says Magill. "Teaching is a great love of mine, so I know I will return to it. It is simply a matter of when and where."

About her new work the Alabama native says, "I have had deep respect for the Jessie Ball duPont Fund for many years." The College's scholarship program for Women and Ethnic Minorities, designed to support those who missed an earlier opportunity to pursue higher education, was of particular interest to her. Funded by the Jessie Ball duPont Fund, the program provides scholarship assistance to 25 students.

"Those folks do great work in a region of the country that is dear to my heart," says Magill. "I have yearned to return to the Deep South for a number of years."

Berry Finds Safest Signs Are Symbolic

Casey Swim Center Director Dennis Berry has published an article in *Aquatic Magazine* that implies symbols are more easily understood than the written word on warning signs.

His article, "Maryland Study Shows Simple Signs Work," deals with the effectiveness of simple safety signs. Berry's idea, conceived during a graduate level cognition class with psychology professor George Spilich, applies memory techniques to create a study of effective sign cognition at the Casey Swim Center.

"As things progressed," says Berry, head of Washington's REC Sports program and coach of the Shoremen swimming team, "I went back to George and asked how I might compile a national study to evaluate effectiveness of certain signs. He was instrumental in helping me create the environment for the test, which we did here on campus."

Berry's article illustrates the need to evaluate what signs say and how they are displayed.

"If you have an important message, especially relating to warning of hazards, then there shouldn't be any other competing messages on that sign," Berry says.

Spring Sports Schedule

Baseball
Ed Athey, Coach

March 9-16	Florida Spring Trip
Thu., March 21	**Tufts, H, 3:00**
Sat., March 23	**Drew (2), H, 1:00**
Wed., March 27	W. Maryland (2), A, 1:00
Sat., March 30	Haverford* (2), A, 1:00
Tues., April 2	**Lincoln, H, 3:00**
Sat., April 6	**Swarthmore* (2), H, 1:00**
Tue., April 9	St. Mary's, A, 3:00
Thu., April 11	**UMES (2), H, 1:00**
Sat., April 13	Johns Hopkins* (2),A, Noon
Tue., April 16	**Salisbury State, H, 3:00**
Sat., April 20	**Ursinus* (2), H, 1:00**
Tue., April 23	Delaware Valley (2), A, 1:00
Thu., April 25	**Gallaudet (2), H, 1:00**
Sat., April 27	Widener* (2), A, Noon
Tue., April 30	Wesley (2), A, 1:00
Wed., May 1	**Washington Bible, H, 3:00**
Sat., May 4	MAC Playoffs

Men's Lacrosse
Terry Corcoran, Coach

Sat., March 9	Johns Hopkins, A, 2:00
Wed., March 13	Hampden-Sydney, A, 3:00
Sat., March 16	**Springfield, H, 1:30**
Wed., March 20	**Navy, H, 3:30**
Sat., March 23	**Alfred, H, 1:30**
Sat., March 30	**Hobart, H, 1:30**
Sat., April 6	Roanoke, A, 2:00
Sat., April 13	**F & M, H, 1:30**
Sat., April 20	**Washington & Lee, H, 1:30**
Sat., April 27	Salisbury St., A, 1:00
Fri., May 3	**W. Chester, H, @ Worton Park, 7:30**

Women's Lacrosse
Diane Guinan, Coach

Wed., March 20	**Widener, H, 4:00**
Sat., March 23	Franklin & Marshall,A, 1:00
Tue., March 26	Bowdoin, @ S'more, 4:30
Thu., March 28	**Swarthmore, H, 4:00**
Sat., March 30	Dickinson*, A, 1:00
Tue., April 2	**W. Maryland*, H, 4:00**
Sat., April 6	**Susquehanna, H, 1:00**
Mon., April 8	Ursinus, A, 4:00
Thurs., April 11	Johns Hopkins*, A, 700 pm
Sat., April 13	Frostburg St., A, 11:00 am
Tue., April 16	Salisbury St., A, 4:30
Sat., April 20	**Gettysburg*, H, 1:00**
Wed., April 24	Haverford, A, 4:30
Sat., May 4	MAC Playoffs

Men's and Women's Rowing
Mike Davenport, Peter Martin, Coaches

Sat., March 23	**Skidmore, H, TBA**
Sat., April 6	@ Johns Hopkins Regatta
Sat., April 13	Villanova, A, TBA
Sat., April 20	LaSalle, A, TBA
Sat., April 27	**Washington College Inv.**
Sat., May 4	Cadle Cup, @ Georgetown
May 9-11	Dad Vails @ Philadelphia

Softball
Penny Fall, Coach

Sun., March 17	**Lebanon Valley* (2),H, 1:00**
Wed., March 20	Widener, A, 4:00
Sat., March 23	F & M*(2), A,1:00
Thu., March 28	Essex CC, A, 3:00
Sat., March 30	**Dickinson* (2), H, 1:00**
Tue., April 2	Swarthmore (2), A, 4:00
Thu., April 4	Cecil CC, A, 4:00
Sat., April 6	**Gettysburg* (2), H, 1:00**
Mon., April 8	Gallaudet, A, 4:00
Wed., April 10	**Wesley, H, 4:00**
Sat., April 13	W. Maryland* (2), A, 1:00
Thu., April 18	**Cecil CC, H, 4:00**
Sat., April 20	**Essex CC (2), H, 1:00**
Tue., April 23	**Catholic (2), H, 4:00**
Fri., April 26	Wesley, A, 4:00
Sat., May 4	MAC Playoffs

Men's Tennis
Fred Wyman, Coach

Sun., Feb 10	Maryland, A, 10:00 am
Sat., March 2	Virginia, A, 1:00
Sat., March 9	UNC-Greensboro, A, 1:00
Mon., March 11	Davidson, A, 2:00
Thu., March 14	Wheaton, A, 1:00
Sat., March 16	@ Averett, Chris. Newport, 10:00, 2:00
Mon., March 18	**American, H, 3:00**
Fri., March 22	Temple, A, 1:30
Sun., March 24	Claremont, @ S'more, Noon
Sat., March 30	**SUNY-Bing'ton,H, 10:00am Ursinus*, H, 2:00**
Mon., April 1	**Haverford*, H, 3:00**
Wed., April 3	Swarthmore*, A, 2:30
Sat., April 6	**Skidmore, H, Noon**
Tue., April 9	**Millersville, H, 3:00**
Sat., April 13	**Johns Hopkins*, H, 1:00**
Sun., April 14	Rochester,@S'more,11:00am
Wed., April 17	**Trenton St., H, 3:00**
Sun., April 21	**Villanova, H, 11:00 am**
Tue., April 23	Widener*, A, 4:00
April 26-27	MAC Team Tournament
May 3-4	MAC Individual Tourn.

Women's Tennis
Holly Bramble, Coach

Mon., March 11	East Tennessee State, @ Hilton Head, SC, 8:00 am
Tue., March 12	Mary Washington @ Hilton Head, SC, 8:00 am
Wed., March 13	Murray State @ Hilton Head, SC, Noon
Thu., March 14	UNC-Asheville @ Hilton Head, SC, 8:00 am
Sat., March 16	University of the South @ Hilton Head, SC, Noon
Tue., March 19	**Widener, H, 3:30**
Wed., March 20	Swarthmore, A, 3:00
Thu., March 21	**American, H, 2:30**
Mon., March 25	**Gettysburg*, H, 3:00**
Wed., March 27	**Trenton State, H, 3:30**
Sat., March 30	Dickinson*, A, 1:00
Tue., April 2	Catholic, A, 3:00
Tue., April 9	**Salisbury State, H, 3:00**
Thu., April 11	Elizabethtown*, A, 3:00
Tue., April 16	W. Maryland*, A, 3:30
Thu., April 18	**Johns Hopkins*, H, 4:00**
Fri., April 19	Towson State, A, 3:30
April 26-27	MAC Team Tournament
May 3-4	MAC Individual Tourn.

HOME GAMES IN BOLD

Reflections On The Making Of A Successful Campaign

by Sue De Pasquale '87

On December 31, 1990, Washington College officially completed the largest fundraising drive in its history. In the interview that follows, Alonzo G. Decker, Jr. and W. James Price, co-chairmen of Campaign for Excellence, talk candidly about how they went about "leading the charge" to raise in excess of $43 million for Washington College.

Price carved time out of his busy workday at the stately Alex. Brown & Sons investment house in downtown Baltimore for the interview. He sat down to chat in the firm's second floor, glass-walled conference room, which offers a panoramic view of the marble and walnut main lobby below, where a dozen of the firm's 1,400 employees were hard at work.

We caught Decker and his wife Virginia at their "hunting lodge," a 627-acre waterfront farm on the banks of the Sassafras River near Earleville, 25 miles north of Chestertown. The December day was shrouded in a bone-chilling fog so dense that the river, just a hundred yards away, was invisible. But inside, over a glass of sherry and a bowl of homemade oyster stew, the Deckers' hospitality cast a warmth that kept the cold at bay.

Mr. Decker, what prompted you in 1984, at the age of 76, to join Washington College's Board and later agree to co-chair the College's ambitious Campaign for Excellence?

Decker: "I was motivated by Douglass Cater. I really wasn't looking for any other work to do but Douglass was enthusiastic about the things that could be done for Washington College.

"I'll never forget it. My wife and I were driving down there and I said, 'Honey, I know damn well what they want, and I am *not* going to do it. They want me to be on the Board and they want me to raise money, and I am *not* going to do it.

"Well, she wasn't at the luncheon and when she came back to pick me up, she said, 'Well?' I said, 'Yes, I'm going on the Board.'" (chuckles). "I just couldn't withstand the energy and enthusiasm that Douglass Cater had. I was impressed with him and what he wanted to do with that wonderful little college.

"He knew from my history at Hopkins [where he served on the Board] that I could probably help. And in order to get the job done right, I told him about Jim Price. I was a friend of Jim's father's, so we've been associated for most of his life. "

Mr. Price, what was your initial reaction to joining the Board and later the Campaign?

Price: "We were coming back from a CSX board meeting and Al said, `What would you think if you got an invitation to be on the Washington College Board?' I said I would be highly honored and I would very quickly say 'no, thank you,' because I've got too much to do. (chuckles.)

"He said, 'Why don't you come down to the College and meet the Ca-

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—Alonzo G. Decker, Jr.

ters and see what's going on.' And, as happened with the Deckers, we were sold on the idea that something was going on. So we decided to accept.

" I can't remember when the question of the Campaign came up. I'm sure we went through the same exercise of saying, 'No, thank you,' and getting sold because there was a need, and it is very hard to say 'No' to Al Decker. I think anyone in Baltimore will tell you that. He is such a wonderful, kind, generous person and he gives so much of himself that when he asks you for something, what are you going to say?"

What strategy did you devise for the Campaign?

Price: "Our strategy included Doug Cater's strategy. He's the architect of this whole resurrection; he's the one who led the charge. Doug had the concept that if he could raise the image of the College in the eyes of the public, we then could go out and approach foundations and corporations. Then, when the image of the College got up to where it ought to be, and we had the support of foundations and corporations, we could go back and get the alumni on board — which is the opposite of what you normally do.

The Campaign came at a crucial time. . . . I give Douglass the real credit for turning that College around and heading it in the right direction. He worked hard at it. And I think, personally, he probably raised more money than either Jim or I did.

"In the meantime, Dave Wheelan [then vice president of development] and his crowd were bringing the alums along very rapidly. I think that before the Campaign began we had an alumni giving rate of 31 percent. We concluded the Campaign at 55 percent. Believe me, when we went to call on the Kresge Foundation and we showed that kind of an increase, *that* got their attention.

"So the strategy was doing all those things at the same time: raising the image of the College, gaining support from foundations and corporations, and alumni. The grand finale was to get the alums interested in the Lifetime Fitness Center. Of course that charge was led by Bill Johnson and his family.

Decker: "I don't have many fixed ideas about how you should run a campaign. To raise money, you have to have something you can believe in. And it has to be something that most people would look up to; and something you can be proud of, after having given money and seeing what happened with it. I believe in Washington College and I hope it doesn't try to get bigger. There is a small number of students for each teacher. I think that's a great asset. Not having had a liberal arts education myself, I know what I missed.

"Both Jim and I had to contribute, and this is an ironclad rule as far as I am concerned. If you haven't given, then you don't want to be asking people to give. You have to give at least as much as you're asking somebody else to give.

"I've had a couple of occasions where people have called on me to make a gift and each time I say, 'OK, what have you given?' and a couple times they've said, 'Well, I really haven't made up my mind yet. So I said, 'OK, when you make up your mind, then you come see me.' Never go after anybody for money unless you're willing to give yourself. "

What exactly is involved in being co-chair of a multi-million dollar fundraising campaign?

Price: "You pound the pavements. It's just that simple. What it means to be co-chair is that you lead the charge, and the way you lead the charge is to make a lot of calls yourself and encourage other people to make calls. It's spelled H-A-R-D-W-O-R-K. But it's been very satisfying. It's always satisfying to have a goal and to exceed it substantially. Or to have a goal, and set a new goal, and exceed them both.

Decker: "We would divide up the prospects that we each knew best and probably had the best influence on. Douglass himself did a tremendous job with various organizations and foundations. He has walked into foundations cold and come away with money. I've never seen anything quite like it."

At what point did you decide to increase the Campaign's goal?

Price: "The College set a target of needs and a goal that seemed attainable, $26 million, and I guess about two years later we were roaring past that number and realized that a larger number was attainable — and not only that, was needed. Obviously, costs had grown, and needs had grown, and the College was growing, so the Campaign grew along with it. So we

The Campaign In Brief: From Dreams To Dollars

by Sue De Pasquale '87

When Douglass Cater assumed the presidency of Washington College in 1982, his directive from the Board of Visitors and Governors was clear: "Spread the news of the `best kept secret in Maryland.' Put this College on the map."

"It didn't take long to realize that in order to do that, it was going to take a heap of money," the former president says today. The time had come to renovate many of the College's aging facilities — and construct new ones — if Washington College were to recruit freshmen successfully from the nation's shrinking pool of high school seniors. And endowment would have to be bolstered to make faculty pay and student scholarships more competitive.

So, from his first day on the job, Cater began laying the groundwork for a massive fundraising campaign that would carry Washington College into the next century. He persuaded Alonzo G. Decker, Jr. and W. James Price, both of them influential business leaders, to co-chair the fundraising effort (see interview) and assembled a College development team led initially by Jacob C. Baas and later by F. David Wheelan.

The key elements in place, Washington College publicly launched its Campaign for Excellence in 1986 with a seemingly ambitious goal of $26.4 million to be raised over five years. "We set that goal with fear and trembling," Cater recalls. "The

changed the number to $41 million. As of this point, we've more than exceeded that.

"The only thing that we fell down on was that we didn't get all the money for endowment that we needed. Even when we way overshot the mark in everything else, we still need to add certainly another 10 or 15 million dollars to endowment.

"We have lots of wonderful younger trustees who have been coming on the Board, and I'm sure at some point they'll want to pick up the mantle and charge ahead."

Why did endowment giving lag while funding for bricks and mortar projects flourished?

Decker: "It's harder to raise money for endowment than for any one thing, because the endowment isn't something you can put your finger on — you can't see it and you don't ever know what's going to happen with it.

"For instance, the Kresge Foundation won't give money for endowment. They only give money for physical assets because then they can appraise what's being done with their money. And that's true with most people.

"Endowment is something that is used in the future, and it depends on whether you've got good investments, whether it's managed properly, so it's going to be difficult to raise that money."

Price: "In order to flourish, you need to build your endowment so that you can have scholarship money to help students who might not otherwise be able to afford it, and to have a diversity of enrollment.

"Diversity costs money and we

highest goal the College had ever set was $10 million for the Third Century Campaign [in the late 70s]. It failed miserably, so we didn't have any track record at all."

Yet, within two years the ante was upped and Phase II of the Campaign announced. "When we got to $24 million," explains Alonzo Decker, "there were so many things that hadn't been fulfilled yet. And we felt sure we hadn't exhausted the possibilities of raising more money." The revised goal? $41.1 million.

When the Campaign for Excellence officially closed December 31, even that goal had been surpassed. At latest tally, the College's Campaign coffers top out at a whopping $43.7 million.

"I think the success of the Campaign is a clear indication of the way Washington College has emerged in recent years as an institution of real importance to people," says Walter Sondheim, a Campaign Committee member and chairman of the Greater Baltimore Committee.

"It is a tribute to the leadership shown by Al Decker and Jim Price," Sondheim continues. "I don't think many institutions could ever be the beneficiary of that kind of attention and devotion to the job. And, of course, President Cater played a major role in finding new sources who might be interested in the College's future."

On campus, evidence of the Campaign's success is everywhere. In what was once a drafty old boiler plant, art students today have an inviting environment in which to paint and sculpt —the Constance Stuart Larrabee Arts Center. With the renovation of Dunning Hall and construction of the Alonzo G. Decker, Jr. Laboratory Center, science students need no longer contend with aging Bunsen burners and ill-equipped labs. In what used to be the roadway between Hodson Hall and the Gibson Fine Arts Center now sparkles the campus' crown jewel, the Eugene B. Casey Academic Center, a spacious, three-story affair opened in January. In December, ground was broken for the Benjamin A. Johnson Lifetime Fitness Center. Over the course of the Campaign, most of the College's dormitories have also been renovated.

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Other important changes are less visible than the bricks and mortar projects. A model academic computing program today puts every student and faculty member "on line." The endowment for student scholarships and faculty salaries has increased substantially. Moreover, alumni giving has jumped from 31 percent in 1984-85 to 55 percent in 1989-90, a rate among the twenty highest in the nation.

Indeed, the Campaign for Excellence has succeeded in "putting Washington College on the map." As Jim Price says, "Today, people know Washington College. Their reaction is, `Oh yes, I hear they're doing great things over there.'"

An editorial in the Baltimore *Evening Sun* affirms Price's assessment. "Even before the fundraising drive ended, a new awareness of the institution's potential was spreading," the editorial said. "Washington College seems bound to walk farther into the bright light of academic superiority — a Maryland secret no more."

haven't had the money to do it. And, of course, if you have an endowment you can enhance your faculty pay. So that's why endowment is the ingredient you need to gain momentum.

"The Sophie Kerr Prize has been a great thing for the College. Another thing that endowment can do is to enable us to find more wonderful prizes like the Sophie Kerr — that can spark the students to do things that they might not have done otherwise."

Over the course of the Campaign, have you seen a difference in the way Washington College is perceived?

Price: "Yes. Today people know Washington College, they have heard about what we're doing.

"All of this has culminated in the alumni and students having a greater self-esteem about the College. That's very important. I went to Virginia Military Institute and I went to Yale after the War, and I'm proud of the fact that I went there. And I'm proud of the fact that I'm a trustee at Washington College. "

Decker: "The Campaign came at a crucial time. I think the College was at a low point. It definitely was going nowhere except downhill. I give Douglass the real credit for turning that College around and heading it in the right direction. He worked hard at it. And I think, personally, he probably raised more money than either Jim or I did. That's a pure guess because no one's ever tried to add it up.

"I think the new president, Chuck Trout, is going to do a great job too, but it's going to be in a different area. Douglass was the one who gave Washington College a new spurt forward. Chuck is going to consolidate the growth of everything that's in place and bring more unity to the whole organization. "

Looking at Washington College now that the Campaign has been successfully completed, what pleases you most?

Price: "I think what fills me with the most satisfaction is to hear people say good things about the College. You also get satisfaction out of meeting people like Constance Larrabee, whom I wouldn't have known; Betty Casey, Bill Johnson, and lots of other wonderful people, whom I would not have known otherwise. That's sort of a bonus — to meet good friends. Al Decker and I were always good friends. Because of this Washington College thing, we've become very close friends."

Decker: "To a degree, the campus was a hodgepodge before, particularly with Gibson Avenue running down the middle of it. I think the place is much more beautiful today.

"Then, looking at buildings, the Constance Stuart Larrabee Arts Center. That was an old dump; what they've done with it, it really looks good. And it not only looks good, I was surprised when I went into it after it was all done, how much space there was in there. And the Eugene B. Casey Academic Center — it's huge. I hope it will be put to good use.

"There are still some buildings that need work. All colleges must keep raising money. Cornell's next campaign is one and a quarter billion! I

Two Who Led The Charge

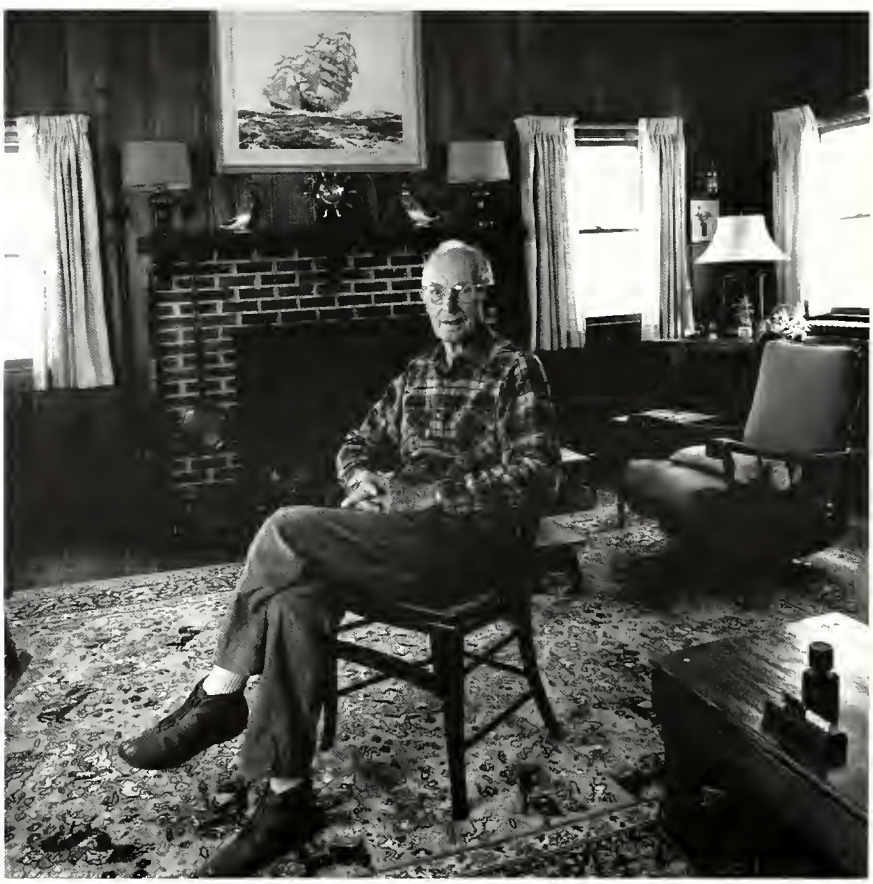
ALONZO G. DECKER, JR.

"I came out of Cornell in 1929 and you know what happened very soon thereafter," says Alonzo Decker, referring to the bleak days following the great stock market crash. "I was scraping for a living and I've had a long, hard working life. Fortunately," the agile 82-year-old adds with a grin, "a successful one."

Successful indeed. Black & Decker, the power tool company that his father co-founded and Decker led in a variety of roles over the years, today posts annual sales of $1.94 billion and employs 19,700 people, according to the *1990 Standard & Poor's Register.*

Despite the family ties, Alonzo G. Decker, Jr. did not start at the top. His father believed young Alonzo should learn about the business and its people from the ground up. So in 1933, with broom in hand, Alonzo began his auspicious career at Black & Decker — as a floor sweeper. Over the next few years he worked in virtually every department. One of the employees he met during this period was a young secretary named Virginia Gent, who later became his wife.

Throughout the '40s and '50s,



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Decker steadily climbed the company ladder until, in 1960, he was named president. Four years later he assumed the position of chief executive officer (CEO). During his term as CEO, Black & Decker achieved its greatest decade of growth. Sales soared from $100.9 million in 1964, to $641.9 million in 1974, and the number of Black & Decker employees worldwide jumped from 7,000 to 20,000.

Fortunately for the community, Decker has remained as committed to Maryland's philanthropic concerns as he has to his company. Even while busy as CEO of Black & Decker, he served as a trustee for Baltimore's Union Memorial Hospital, the Maryland Institute College of Art, and the Johns Hopkins University. In the early '70s he chaired the Hopkins 100 Campaign, which raised for the university $109 million — an unheard of amount at that time.

Decker's deft handling of the Hopkins campaign made him top choice a decade later for leading Washington's Campaign for Excellence.

ROBERT C. BURKE

"It really was quite different," Decker explains, "because the campaign that we were putting on at Washington College didn't require enormous numbers of people, as the Hopkins campaign did.

"It wasn't a huge campaign that you sometimes build, but much more of a personal thing."

W. JAMES PRICE

"I'm the third generation of Prices that has been associated with Washington College," explains Jim Price, chairman of Flag Investors Management Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Alex. Brown & Sons, Inc. in Baltimore. Founded in 1800, Alex. Brown & Sons is the oldest investment banking firm in the United States.

"My dad had typhoid fever and couldn't go to Virginia Military Institute when he got well because they wouldn't take him in the middle of the year. So he went to Washington College for one year and my son Jonathan ['80] went there four years and I think I've been there seven years." He chuckles heartily. "I have a grandchild on the way, so the next generation is coming."

Price, a decorated World War II veteran, graduated from Yale University in 1949 with a degree in economics. He began his career as sole proprietor of Price & Company in Baltimore, selling mutual funds and over the counter securities. In 1952, he moved to Alex. Brown & Sons as manager of the Mutual Funds Department and in 1959 he was made general partner. In 1984, he became managing director.

Today the 66-year-old father of four serves as chairman of the Alex. Brown Cash Reserve as well as chairman of the board of the Flag Investors Management Corporation. He is also a director of CSX Corporation and PHH Group, Inc.

Long active on the board of St. Paul's School for Boys in Baltimore, which he attended, Price was at first unsure whether he would have enough time to serve on Washington College's board. Since son Jonathan had recently graduated from the College, Price asked his advice.

"When the invitation came, I said `Jon, your mother and I think you should play a part in this decision. This is your college.' He said, `In view of what's happening over there, I think you ought to be a part of it.'"

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can't even count that high.

Price: The beauty of the Casey Academic Center is that the College never really had a focus or an entrance. If you drove by you really couldn't figure out where to begin. Now there is an entrance and a campus. It's a lovely building.

"Buildings help sell the College. When a prospective student visits a college there are probably three things at which he or she looks. Number one is the campus, the environment. If it's grubby and rundown and you don't have the proper facilities, you're turned off right away. That's why buildings are important, in addition to the fact that they provide needed things, like a place to play basketball, a place to swim."

How does the College stand today?

Price: "We're alive and well. As you know, 1990 was a critical year, the year in which the student pool shrank and there was really great concern as to what might happen. Washington College came out very well.

"But you can never rest on your laurels. It's like the investment business. What you did for somebody yesterday is nice, but what are you going to do for me today? "

Components Of The Campaign For Excellence

Building Projects

Alonzo G. Decker, Jr. Laboratory Center
Eugene B. Casey Academic Center
Eugene B. Casey Swim Center
Lelia Hynson Boating Pavilion
Arthur H. Kudner Bridge
Landscaping and Master Plan Improvements
Constance Stuart Larrabee Arts Center
Benjamin A. Johnson Lifetime Fitness Center
Tennis Complex and Tournament Center

Renovation Projects

Brown Cottage
George Avery Bunting Hall
Cain Gymnasium Basement
H. A. B. Dunning Hall
Thomas W. Cullen Dormitories (Somerset, Worcester and Wicomico)
Hynson Lounge
Hodson Hall Dining Room
Minta Martin Hall
O'Neill Literary House
Reid Hall
Siemans Telephone System

Endowment Funds

The Ann Brandt Memorial Fund
Annual Scholarship Fund
Building Endowments
The Douglass Cater Scholarship Fund
Class of '87 Scholarship Fund
Louis L. Goldstein Chair in Public Policy
Guy F. Goodfellow Lecture Series
Hodson Trust Merit Scholarship Fund
Joseph H. McLain Chair in the Natural Sciences
The Richard M. Johnson Library Fund
The Rufus C. Johnson '42 Memorial Scholarship Fund
The Larkin Family Scholarship Fund
The Thomas Hunter Lowe '52 Memorial Scholarship Fund
The Loyola Federal Savings & Loan Association Scholarship Fund
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Alzheimer's Disease: The Great Brain Robbery

by Professor George J. Spilich

I remember my grandmother as a woman of great strength. She used to amaze dinner guests by snatching potatoes from the oven with her bare hands. Even when she reached her seventies she would not permit anyone to help her shop or carry the groceries. This robustness extended beyond the physical. She was wise; nothing escaped her notice and her advice was in demand on topics ranging from politics to matters of the heart.

I went back East just before I began graduate school to see her for what I did not know then would be the last time. This once strong woman was now weak and unsteady. Her eyes, which had once held such intelligence and humor, were now dull and unresponsive. It was the first time I had come face to face with Alzheimer's disease.

Aloys Alzheimer first encountered the disease which came to bear his name in 1901 when he treated a 51-year-old patient who had become conspicuous due to paranoic behavior, memory problems, disorientation, and difficulties speaking and understanding speech. Alzheimer was both a scientist and a clinician; his research over the years that followed led him to describe the changes both in brain tissue and in behavior which have become the hallmark of SDAT, or senile dementia of the Alzheimer's type.

SDAT, along with multiinfarct dementia (which is caused by many small 'strokes' in the brain) and dementia occurring in the course of Parkinson's disease, now make up one of the largest categories of chronic diseases of the elderly. Alzheimer's disease affects not only the lives of its victims but also their families; sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, even the fathers and mothers of early onset Alzheimer's patients must live with the aftereffects of the disease.

The cruelty of the disease is not that it damages the body and eventually ends life but that it robs a person of his self. Its central behavioral characteristic is the loss of memory, or dementia.

Some loss of memory with advanced age seems to be part of the bargain which life extracts in exchange for experience. To 'lose a step' — to age, so to speak — seems natural and is compensated for by the greater experience of the elderly. What is not normal is to lose the very person a lifetime of living has built.

The incidence of dementia increases with age; about two percent of those individuals 62 years of age demonstrate some abnormal memory loss but by age 90, about 38 percent show some difficulties. The magnitude of the

problem can be seen in the following figures: the world population of those aged 60 and over was 371 million in 1980 and 415 million by 1985. By the year 2025, it is estimated that 1.1 billion people will be in their 60s or older. As the number of elderly increases, the cost of Alzheimer's and other dementia disorders inflates.

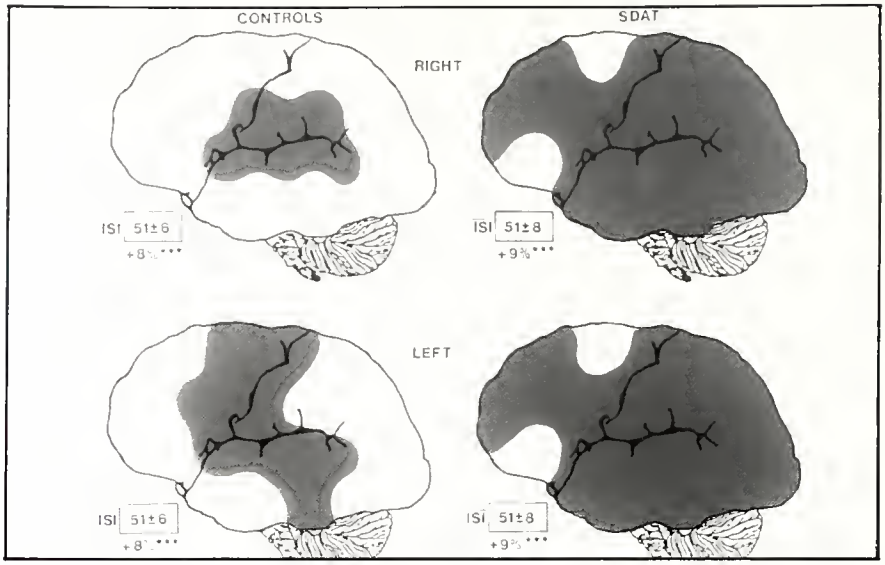
Typically, an Alzheimer's patient survives four years from diagnosis to death. One puzzling aspect of SDAT is that it affects women about three times as frequently as men. Men have their own neurological cross to bear; they develop multiinfarct dementia (or MID) more than four times as frequently as women.

The cause of these dementias is not well understood. Those individuals who develop Alzheimer's disease early in life are several times more likely than the general population to have a close relative diagnosed with SDAT; for those who develop SDAT in their later years, the evidence for a genetic link is not clear. This observation has led many to wonder if early onset Alzheimer's disease is a different disease than SDAT itself.

Environmental experience may also play a hand in developing SDAT; recently it has been reported that individuals who suffer serious head injury when younger are much more likely to later develop Alzheimer's dementia than those who did not suffer head trauma. Aluminum (typically ingested as aluminum salts) has also become a suspect in the search for the causes of dementia. Recent studies conducted in Norway and England indicate that high concentrations of aluminum salts in the drinking water are associated with unusually high incidence of SDAT. The confusion and disorientation reported by chronic antacid users or renal dialysis patients, all of whom are exposed to high levels of aluminum salts, have been viewed as evidence that aluminum deposition in the brain is a cause of SDAT.

Other researchers do not agree that aluminum deposition dementia is truly Alzheimer's disease and critics point to methodological problems in studies that support the aluminum deposition hypothesis. Perhaps the only reasonable conclusion concerning the cause of SDAT is that we face a complicated and absorbing puzzle whose scope and cost is growing.

A major stumbling block to understanding degenerative neurological diseases is the brain itself. The human brain is a wonderfully complicated device, perhaps the most complex single item in the universe. A human brain contains between ten billion and one hundred billion cells and there are as many as 1,015 connections among these cells, which is a great deal of connections indeed.



The brains of normal elderly individuals (left) show this focused pattern of increased blood flow when thinking; SDAT individuals do not.

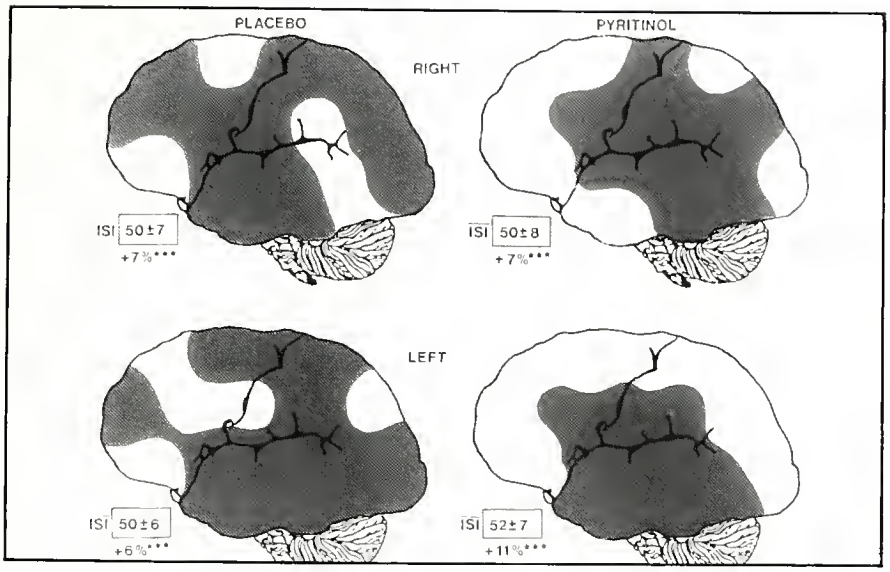
All that we know, all that we have ever experienced or understood of life, art, and science; in fact, all that we grasp of our universe is contained within a three-pound mass of tissue that can be easily held in one hand. From within that three-pound universe comes the art and science of Michelangelo, the music of Mozart, and the wry humor of Bart Simpson. It is estimated that a computer with storage and processing capabilities like that of our brain would be 100 stories high and about the size of Texas.

Hardware problems in the brain can occur at many levels: whole sections of tissue can fail; the chemical messengers that permit communication throughout the brain can be disrupted; even the blood supply that serves the brain can become faulty. What happens within the brain of an individual suffering from SDAT?

Some of the more obvious changes are a 10 percent reduction in brain weight and a 15 percent reduction in the volume of the brain. The very important outer layer of the brain known as the cerebral cortex is reduced in thickness by about 12 percent in those with SDAT. One region of the brain where an unusually large loss of tissue occurs is at the nucleus basalis of Meynert (NBM), where up to 90 percent of the nerve cells or neurons may be lost in those individuals with SDAT. This loss is important because the NBM plays a crucial role in the transport of an important chemical messenger (or neurotransmitter) known as acetylcholine. In fact, those cells or neurons that use this particular neurotransmitter seem to be particularly ravaged by SDAT. Even the capacity of the blood vessels that serve the brain are affected; among those with SDAT, there is a 40 percent reduction in vascular volume.

While we do not clearly understand which changes in brain tissue, chemical messengers, and blood supply are a cause of SDAT and which are a result, we have known from the time of Aloys Alzheimer that as brain cells die in the victims of SDAT, they are replaced by a type of scar tissue known as neuritic plaques and neurofibrillary tangles that do not exist in appreciable numbers in normal individuals. Are the plaques and tangles a cause or an effect of SDAT?

One important piece of evidence is that dementing patients characteristically show plaques and tangles in the hippocampus, a brain structure that has been clearly shown to be involved in the storage of recent memories. Since our ability to store new memories is dependent upon the hippocampus, as is our ability to activate what



The placebo (left) did not markedly focus the increase in blood flow to the brain; the drug pyritinol normalized the blood flow, resulting in improved memory.

we already know to help us understand what we are seeing now, it is not surprising that hippocampal degeneration causes the victims of SDAT to have trouble understanding the world around them.

Plaques and tangles similar to those found in SDAT are observed in boxers who develop dementia pugilistica or punchdrunkenness as a result of repeated blows to the head. These tangles are also seen in victims of Parkinson's Disease. About 1917, a world-wide influenza epidemic took or ravaged the lives of nearly five million people. Similar epidemics devastated Europe in 1580; London in 1672; Tübingen in 1712; and northern Italy in 1889. Some 'survivors' of the 1917 pandemic spent the next 50 years in a state of profound indifference to their surroundings known as Postencephalic Parkinsonism.

Oliver Sachs in his book *Awakenings* described these people as "conscious and aware but not fully awake." It has been suggested that many of those who have developed Parkinson's disease over the last half century are individuals who carried a silent disease all this time. On the island of Guam, a rare genetic disease called Parkinson-dementia complex inflicts only the Chamorro people with this sleeping lethargy. Perhaps understanding other diseases that cause plaques and tangles in the brain may help us understand SDAT. How could a disease lie dormant in the brain for decades and then spring to life? Evidence on this question comes from half-way around the world.

There is a tribe in New Guinea that develops a disease called Kuru, which means "trembling with fear." Those Indians who develop Kuru have difficulty walking, develop tremors in their limbs, and their thinking deteriorates. Death always follows. The brains of Kuru victims are filled with plaques and tangles. For years the origin of Kuru was a mystery. It only affected certain tribes in the area, and 80 percent of all the cases were women. Medical researchers were baffled until an anthropologist who lived among the tribe solved the mystery: Kuru afflicted only those tribes that practiced cannibalism, and only those individuals in a tribe who cooked and ate the brains of their victims. In most tribes only women and children enjoyed this delicacy, and so the sex difference in contracting Kuru was explained.

One puzzling aspect of the disease was the many years' delay between the ingestion of the brains and the emergence of the symptoms. If the cause of Kuru were a bacterial infection, why the delay? The answer came from studies of scrapie, a disease that afflicts goats and sheep. Like Kuru, scrapie is a progressive, fatal neurological disorder whose victims show the tangles and plaques characteristic of SDAT. Daniel Gajdusek and his colleagues found that scrapie appeared in minks that ate the carcasses of infected sheep. Gajdusdek realized that Kuru could be the result of a 'slow virus' that had a long incubation period.

Knowing that bacteria are immense when compared with a virus, he then performed the critical experiment by taking an extract of brain material from a Kuru victim and passing it through a series of very fine filters that would collect bacteria while allowing a virus to pass. This filtered extract was then injected into the brain of a healthy chimpanzee, which later developed Kuru. Gajdusek won the Nobel Prize in physiology and medicine in 1976 for his pioneering work demonstrating that kuru and similar diseases, such as Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease, are infectious and are caused by a slow virus. Gajdusek now believes that SDAT is also a disease caused by a slow virus. How this virus affects neurotransmitters and tissues is still a mystery. I often tell my students that there is a lot in common between being a scientist and being a detective.

My own professional interest in Alzheimer's disease was born in graduate school, where I was studying human memory. In my dissertation research I built a computer model of Alzheimer's disease but after leaving the University of Pittsburgh I found it difficult to continue such research.

Luck comes to us in many ways. One day I received a request from the Department of Neurology at University Hospitals in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, for a reprint of an article I had published. From an initial correspondence came a meeting between two Yugoslav scientists and myself in midtown Manhattan in which we planned our first set of experiments. From this collaboration sprang a faculty enhancement grant to attend a conference on the island of Brac in the Adriatic on nuclear imaging in modern medicine, and from this conference came more collaborative research. Eventually I was chosen to be a Fulbright Research Fellow and spent a year at the Department of Neurology of University of Zagreb Hospitals as Visiting Associate Research Professor of Neurology.

My duties were to conduct research into Alzheimer's and other dementias such as that caused by exposure to industrial solvents. Every morning I rose early and would walk three miles from my flat in the old part of Zagreb to the hospital on the eastern side of the city. The hospital was huge; the waiting room alone could (and did) hold hundreds and was painted in a sad and

tired color that is apparently available only at an Eastern Bloc Sherwin-Williams.

Yugoslav citizens have the right to be transported to the hospital of their choice, and since our hospital specialized in neurological diseases, the benches were filled with citizens from all over the country. Each was clutching a bag filled with sausage, figs, oranges, and slivovitz, the clear plum brandy favored by Yugoslavs that is slightly more potent than rocket fuel. Some of these goodies were to relieve the boredom of hospital food but others were to be given as gifts to doctors to insure good care.

In the nuclear medicine clinic we collected data on how changes in blood flow in the brain accompanied Alzheimer's disease. In order to do this, our patients would breath from a mask that delivered air containing a minute amount of a radioisotope of Xenon. This isotope becomes bound to the glucose in the bloodstream, which is used as fuel by every cell in the body. Those regions of the brain that are activated by a mental task take up additional blood to obtain more of the radioactively-tagged glucose as fuel, and these changes in regional cerebral blood flow (or rCBF) are detected by counters. In many ways, rCBF is similar to a mammogram for the brain. The detectors were a set of 32 long tubes mounted in an open helmet. When ready, a patient looked as if she were the Bride of Frankenstein having a perm.

We were interested, too, in how anti-Alzheimer's drugs might work. Studying a new class of such drugs known as nootropics, which are widely used in the treatment of SDAT and other dementias, we found that patients suffering from Alzheimer's disease increase the blood flow to all portions of the brain when concentrating on a task.

While it might seem that increasing the blood flow to the brain will always help, sometimes more is less. Imagine that your car is stuck in the snow and ten friends try to help you extract it. Each friend arranges himself around the outside of the car like a pearl on a strand. With their shoulders to the car, they push. Your car does not move but stays put, because the force of many friends is not coordinated. Alzheimer's patients show the same picture of "pushing" all over the brain while normal elderly "push" or increase the blood flow to only those cortical centers appropriate to the task.

What we discovered was that nootropics work by normalizing the flow of blood to the brain. The figures on the preceding pages show an Alzheimer's patient and normal elderly individual's increase in blood flow to the cortex while thinking. As is evident, the Alzheimer's patients "lit up" their entire cortex while thinking. When a placebo or sugar pill was given to them, the same undifferentiated pattern of activation appeared. However, when given a nootropic, only those areas of the cortex necessary to the task increased their blood flow; this pattern of activation is very similar to the pattern shown by our normal elderly group.

Most importantly, this normalization of blood flow by nootropics was accompanied by a meaningful increase both in memory abilities and general sense of well-being. To our knowledge, these experiments were the first to show a reliable increase in cognitive performance among SDAT patients due to nootropic therapy that linked mental improvement to a meaningful biological change, such as cerebral blood flow.

Our work on understanding and treating Alzheimer's disease is still in progress. In May of 1990, my colleagues from Yugoslavia and I organized a conference on SDAT that brought researchers from all over the world to the Yugoslavian city of Dubrovnik, the pearl of the Adriatic. Our purpose was to share the latest progress in research on Alzheimer's disease. We are presently editing the proceedings of that conference into a book we hope will appear sometime this year.

From that conference came an offer to do research on SDAT with a consortium of scientists spread through a dozen countries in Europe and South America. Without the initial support of Washington College to attend that first conference in Yugoslavia in 1986, it is unlikely that any of this later research would have come to pass.

As rewarding as it was to work in the nuclear medicine clinic, I was more interested in gaining experience with non-medical techniques I could bring back to Chestertown to use with our students. For this reason, I spent much of my time while in Yugoslavia in the electroencephalographic laboratory in the Department of Neurology where we collected brain wave data from Alzheimer's patients as well as from individuals suffering from other neurological diseases or head trauma.

Yugoslavians drive as if they lead charmed lives; unfortunately, their rate of vehicular fatalities per capita is five times that seen in our our country. We lived in Zagreb on a beautiful tree-lined boulevard known as Mose Pijada, which is a major artery to the scenic northern side of the city. In the middle of the night we were regularly wakened by the sounds of some car failing to negotiate a particularly tricky curve and landing against a tree near our flat that bore the scars of several such accidents. I typically saw the survivors in the EEG clinic.

EEG can also be used to distinguish Alzheimer's dementia from other medical problems, and we intend to investigate in greater detail the relationship between neurological problems and changes in the brain's electrical activity. Here I have the help of several students at Washington College who have used the Bio-Logic Brain Atlas® topographic brain mapper that was purchased for the psychology department through the generosity of the Pew Foundation. This past year, Marianna Marszal '90 and Chris Martin '90 used the EEG mapper in their senior thesis research to examine how smoking and anxiety, respectively, affect the brain's electrical activity. Current members of the "Cortexplorers," such as Dianna Holden '91, Elizabeth Driscoll '91 and David Bright '92, are continuing this work while thinking up their own research problems to puzzle over.

One of the unsolved mysteries of SDAT is whether it is possible to predict who will develop it. In one experiment I ran while in graduate school, a 97-year-old gentleman struck up a conversation about my family. When I returned to that residential center two weeks later, he took up the conversation right at the point where we left off without missing a beat. How is it that some people are able to maintain cognitive skills even into the second half of their tenth decade? This is a question that concerns us all.

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Gilbert Byron '23: The Voice Of The Eastern Shore

by Jim Landskroener M'91

It is generally considered appropriate for a successful writer in his eighty-eighth year to contemplate his literary legacy, to harken fondly back to the heady days when the Muse sang most sweetly. If Gilbert Byron '23 were so inclined, he would certainly be allowed. But in the case of this writer, at this time in his life, such an exercise might be premature.

Consider the following. In the past two years, he has seen the publication of *Done Crabbin'*, the continuation of Noah Marlin's story, begun in the critically acclaimed *The Lord's Oysters*. He has met with jazz artist Charlie Byrd to discuss Byrd's work on compositions based on some of Byron's early poetry. He has been contacted by muralist James Voshell, who has expressed an interest in rendering on canvas some of Byron's poetic "scenes."

The movie rights to *The Lord's Oysters* and *Done Crabbin'* have been sold. A book on his teaching experiences is being prepared. And his latest novel, which follows Noah Marlin's years as an undergraduate at Washington College in the early 20's, is working its way toward publication under the title *The Jazz Age*.

Not at all bad for a man who came from humble beginnings and has managed since his birth in 1903 to live and personify a quiet, contemplative life.

In 1957, with the publication of the *The Lord's Oysters*, Gilbert Byron's early life became an open book. This story of the life and times of a young boy, Noah Marlin, growing up in Chestertown at the beginning of the century, is for the most part autobiographical. Like Noah, Byron's father and grandfather both made their living, such as it was, on the water.

Like Evelyn Marlin in that novel and its sequel *Done Crabbin'*, Byron's mother was a true representation of the archetypical waterman's wife—strong, opinionated, and a sometimes rueful companion to a man guided atavistically by nature's unpredictable rhythms. It was she who urged the young Byron to deny the seduction of the river and seek a college education and the promise of a better life.

At the time, a public school education alone was not considered adequate preparation for college. At the age of 15, Byron entered Washington College as a "prep" student. A fire-gutted William Smith Hall had just been rebuilt. Across the street, Byron lived with the other "prep" boys in Normal (Reid) Hall, where he learned how to smoke, hone his ability to swear, and hold his own at a poker table. Back in William Smith Hall, he learned about poetry and writing.

Recalling those years, Byron had one great regret — he missed being a student of James Cain by one year. "I have always been sad about that. He was of course a great writer, though nobody knew it at the time."

Enthralled by the genius of Walt Whitman, Byron hoped one day to make his mark—with very limited success. "At first I was a poet, whatever that means. But [my earliest poetry] was pretty horrible, I can tell you."

After graduation in 1923, Byron de-

cided that his poetic skills would provide neither food nor rent. He went to Baltimore seeking work as a journalist, but then, as now, editors wanted experienced writers. He turned to teaching.

He found his first job teaching high school history in nearby Kennedyville, then Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, and eventually Lewes, Delaware. Teaching suited the man — working with this age group, and having summers off, allowed him to maintain contact with his youth, both in the classroom and on water. It was also the kind of job that, fortunately, allowed him to nurture and refine his writing.

In 1942 he published a small book of poetry, *These Chesapeake Men*. This collection of verse, poetic sketches of the iconoclastic watermen in turn-of-the-century Chestertown, attracted immediate attention. These poems had been carefully wrought over a number of years, yet with this newly found recognition, he felt compelled to jump straight into work on another collection. *Delaware Poems*, released the following year, pleased his publisher but not his harshest critic, himself.

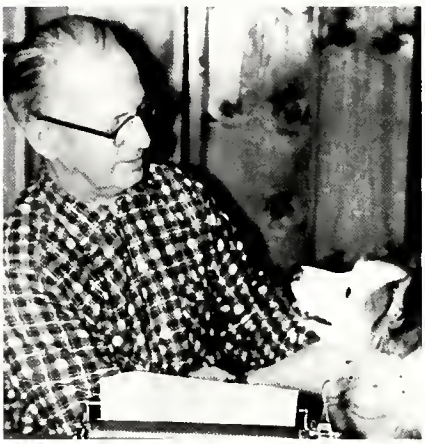
Over the next few years he continued to write poetry and some prose — articles and short stories that he occasionally sold to magazines. When an editor at Houghton-Mifflin Co. became interested in his work, Byron decided that "if I was ever going to make it, I had better get started."

Getting started meant doing what few nascent writers have the nerve to do — leave the security of a good job to do nothing but write. At the age of 43, he left Dover to build a cabin on an isolated piece of property near St. Michaels known as Old House Cove. This was to be his home for the next 40 years.

In this Walden-like setting, Byron began to recreate the story of his youth. Young Gilbert became Noah Marlin; his parents were given new life as George and Evelyn Marlin; his boyhood friends became Ric, Pee Wee, and a lively host of barefooted, school and stone-skipping, baseball-loving boys. His grandfather, the watermen and their wives, the school teachers, shopkeepers, diffident little girls, and cantankerous old ladies who lived down the street—they were all waiting to be sketched by his mind's eye, then shaped and caressed by his craft.

After this critically acclaimed novel was published, his liberal use of the people of Chestertown almost came back to haunt him. "When *The Lord's Oysters* first came out, I got a letter from a lawyer in Baltimore, one of the Barroll boys (a prominent Chestertown family). He said he recognized all the characters in the book in Chestertown but one. Right away I was thinking, 'By God, he's a lawyer.' He was really very gracious about the whole thing. After that I thought 'Look out, boy,' but he was the only one."

Byron learned some hard lessons from his first major publishing experience. Chapters from the original



manuscript were cut. Characters were altered. "They told me I had too many old ladies, so the few that remain are composites of several of the actual people." And perhaps the hardest was a lesson in patience; it took three years before he saw the final product in print.

(Those lean years in the mid-'50s, prior to the book's publication, later proved to be very important. In need of income, Byron took a teaching job in Easton. One of his students, Jacques Baker, became a devoted fan and for the last several years has been instrumental in keeping the aging writer and his works before the public.)

His career firmly established, Byron continued at a prolific pace. In the sixties came another book of verse, *The Wind's Will*, and a novel for young readers, *Chesapeake Duke*. From 1959 to 1977 he wrote a weekly column for local newspapers (many of which can be found in a 1987 collection, *Chesapeake Seasons: A Cove Journal*). He published historical studies and wrote almost 100 short stories, poems, essays and articles for such publications as *Chesapeake Bay Magazine*, *The Educational Forum*, *Saturday Review of Literature*, and *Audubon Magazine*.

Blackberrying With Annabelle

While the morning glories
Are still filled with dew,
And the tumble bugs
Roll down the hill,
Past the gaunt house
Where the hired man lives—
We loiter along the lane,
Rich in our old clothes,
Gold where frayed hats
Strain the early sun;
Moving gold when
The wild canaries measure
The path before us;
Two flights past
The woodchuck's burrow,
Where the mother quail
Clucks to her scurrying brood,
We climb a neighbor's fence
And lose ourselves
In the blackberry thickets.
Those purple globules
everywhere,
The sound of berries
Lining our shining buckets,
That royal purple stain,
The joy of trespassing,
Even the pain of thorn—
Makes us rich today.

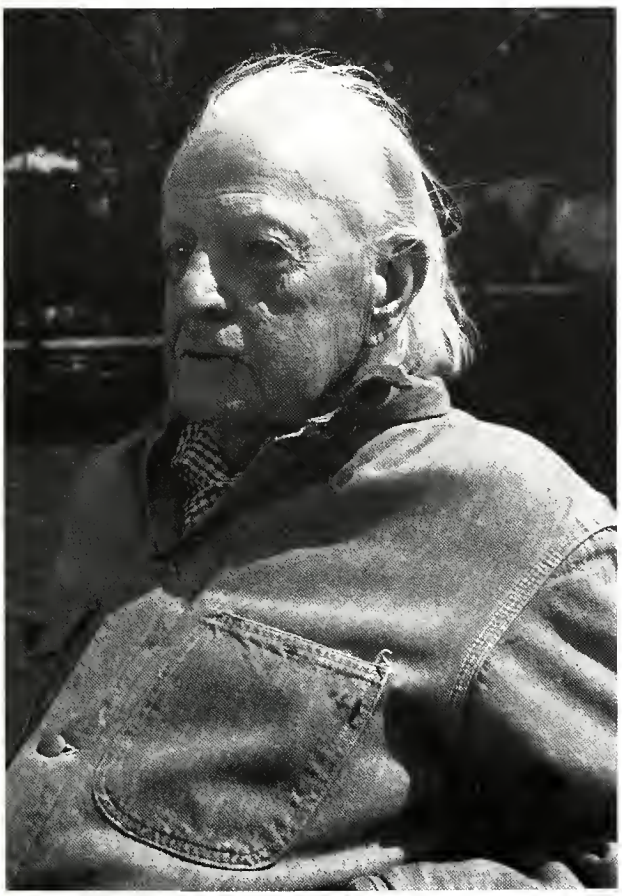
—Gilbert Byron 1939

This page: (top) Gilbert Byron with his dog in the mid-1950's; introducing poetry to children at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. Opposite: at Old House Cove; receiving the Washington College Alumni Citation in 1984. Photos courtesy of the Kent County News.

In the seventies, Byron returned to the classroom to teach poetry — this time in area elementary schools. Confident in the idea that "any child can write poetry," he hoped to pass along fundamental notions of what good writing requires and how good writers should begin.

"I'm convinced that it helps you learn to write by starting with poetry. You have to be concise, you have to be careful with your words." For years he had been interested in Haiku and found that this simple yet rigid form worked very well for inspiring the elementary-age poets. He was also very fond of William Carlos Williams, whose many short poems of clear, focused emotion could be used to evoke similar feelings in young children.

These years back in the classroom, looking at poetry from this very different angle, provided Byron with the opportunity to experiment with his own poetry. It also revealed to him an interesting lesson in the dynamics of teaching itself: "I taught high school all my life, and unfortunately, I always thought that high school teachers were better than elementary teachers, were more important. Of course, that's not true at all. In fact, I'm now inclined to believe that the opposite is true."



Finally, it seemed, in Byron's eightieth year, an autobiographical account of his life at the cabin on Old House Cove appeared in 1983, entitled *The Cove Dweller*, which Byron believes to be some of his best work to date. Praised as a modern version of Thoreau's years at Walden, *The Cove Dweller* was seen as the definitive salute to a long and fertile literary life.

But Byron chose not to stop there. By 1985, his eyesight had begun to fail, victim to a progressively worsening case of glaucoma. Still at home in the cabin, the once idyllic life was steadily becoming a hardship. Jacques Baker began to look after Byron's daily needs and took it upon himself to help the writer remain as active as possible.

The unused chapters from the original manuscript of *The Lord's Oysters* were still lingering like a package marked "Do not open until the time is ripe." Byron came back to this substantial pile of gems, and with Baker providing the necessary legwork, published *Done Crabbin'* in 1989.

This novel is an important addition to Noah Marlin's story. It follows Noah's adolescence through a major turning point. His father moves to Baltimore to find work in the shipyards and eventually brings the family with him. Noah is torn between the excitement of the city and the loss of his primal contact with the river. At the insistence of his mother, he enters Washington College as a preparatory student, thereby assigning finality to his childhood on the river, and all that it represents.

Of course, this path is not Noah's alone. In many ways it aptly evokes the passing of an entire culture, and perhaps, with the constant pressures over the last few decades on the Bay region, the passing of a unique geography as well.

Today, as far as Byron is concerned, Noah's story is not yet complete. Though unable to compose in a physical sense, Byron has continued to write by dictating onto tape for transcription. The next novel, under the working title *The Jazz Age*, follows Noah's journey into the hallowed halls of academe, namely Washington College in the early twenties. In the first chapter, the reader finds a Noah who occasionally smokes, frequently swears, and seems ready to plunge ahead into life's great adventure one glorious, frustrating, puzzling day at a time with a group of classmates quite different from his old Chestertown chums.

And like a man determined to wear out before he rusts out, Byron is planning to follow this novel with a collection of thoughts on his life-long experience as a teacher.

Gilbert Byron is too gentle and generous a man to reflect on his life with a sense of hubris that many would say he justly deserves. Instead, he says simply, "I provided a picture of the men and the people and scenes of the Chesapeake Bay. That is what I will be known for." Certainly that is true, and for all but the most extraordinary individuals, that alone would be high praise. But obviously, there is more.

Even now the images and sounds of Byron's youth still echo in quiet, undisturbed niches in this rapidly changing place called the Eastern Shore. But when time and man inevitably erase the final shades of what this region once was, there will still be the voice of Gilbert Byron.

Jim Landskroener, too, is a teacher and writer on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

ALUMNI REPORTER

Four Alumni Nominated To College Board

Alumni candidates for the 1991 election to the Board of Visitors and Governors are William B. Johnson '40, Jane Bradley Lowe '53, Karen Gossard Price '73 and Glen Shipway '65.

Bill Johnson is up for reelection after six years on the Board. Active in College affairs, he established the Rufus Johnson Scholarship Fund and provided the lead gift for the Benjamin A. Johnson Lifetime Fitness Center. The Chairman Emeritus of Whitman Corporation (formerly IC Industries) holds an honorary doctorate from Washington College.

Jane Lowe, formerly a school teacher and president of the Talbot County Board of Education, is now liaison to the Talbot County Council Board of Education. Widow of the late Thomas Hunter Lowe '52, a former Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates, Lowe was graduated tenth in her class of 71 with departmental honors in political science. She later earned a second bachelor's degree, in education, from Towson State University.

Karen Price, an equal employment opportunity specialist with the Maryland State Highway Administration, is past president of the College's Alumni Association and was a member of the 1989 Presidential Search Committee. She is a member of the 1782 Society.

Glen Shipway was recently promoted to senior vice president of market operations by the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. He manages the services to the automated quotations market that are provided from the NASD Financial Center in New York City. He belongs to the Visiting Committee and the 1782 Society.

Additional nominations may be made between February 15 and March 15, 1991, by petition of fifty (50) members of the Alumni Association and the names of the persons so nominated by the Alumni Council. Petitions should be forwarded to the Nominating Committee of the Alumni Council in care of the Alumni Office. An election ballot will be mailed to all alumni-at-large in late March. The two persons receiving the largest number of votes for two vacancies will be elected to six-year terms beginning June 1, 1991.

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U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Nicholas F. Brady spoke at a breakfast gathering of the Talbot County Friends of Washington College on October 29, 1990. Bill Brogan '52, Jane Lowe '53 and Simone Potter '87 helped organize the event.

Alumni and Student Volunteers

The Alumni Council would like to acknowledge the efforts of the following alumni and student volunteers who contributed their time and energies assisting the Admissions Office during the 1990 fall recruiting season.

Tom Adams '83
Jill Bland '89
John Bodnar '89
Linda Maddox Bragg '82
Kelley Darcy '90
Sue De Pasquale '87
Chris DiPietro '87
Jay Elliott '75
John Flavin '90
Brooke Frank '91
Glenn and Ellie Gillis '83
James Halpin '58
Chris Hansen '91
Scott Hansen '82
Phil Heaver '83
Tim Hormes '90
Jeannie Luck Hyatt '73
Steve Leary '90
William McDermott '90
Jake and Mary Parr '80 '81
Robert Penkethman '57
David Pointon '82
Tammy Tiehel '88
Ann Wilford Causey '78
Lucie Hughes Wagner '84
Robert Witter '77
Kathy Wurzbacher '83

We would also like to encourage other alumni to volunteer their services. If you would like to assist in recruiting prospective students, please contact Kevin Coveney at 1-800-422-1782 or stop by the Admissions Office during your next visit to campus.

Washington College Reunion 1991

FRIDAY, MAY 17

12:00 - 10:00 p.m.	Registration at the *Alumni House.*
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	Reunion Party for the 1920s and 1930's hosted by Dorothy Woodall Myers '24 and Charley Clark '34 at the Brown Cottage, Campus Avenue.
	50th Reunion Party for the Class of 1941 hosted by Ginny Nock Hague, call (301) 778-4710.
	25th Reunion Party for the Class of 1966 hosted by Karen Willett Barrell, call (301) 778-4540.
	10th Reunion Party for the Class of 1981 hosted by Kathy Waye, call (800) 422-1782.
	All alumni are welcome at the *Alumni House.*
9:00 p.m.	Champagne Toast to welcome the Class of 1991 to the Alumni Association, *under the Elm.*

SATURDAY, MAY 18

9:00 a.m.	Alumni Association Annual Business Meeting and Complimentary Breakfast, *Hynson Lounge.*
9:30 a.m.	"Washington College Today" hosted by President Charles H. Trout. Classroom demonstrations in the new *Casey Academic Center.* Campus Tours.
10:00 - noon	Boating on the Chester River. Captain John Wagner '74 will sail from *Truslow Boat House* on the half-hours.
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Picnic on the *Campus Lawn.* Decade tables will be marked.
Noon - 2:00 p.m.	Dance with Cowboy Jazz on the *campus lawn.*
2:00 p.m.	Back to School. Lectures by Washington College Faculty. Times and classrooms to be announced.
4:30 p.m.	All alumni Reception, *Hodson Hall.*
6:30 p.m.	All Alumni Dinner. Older and Wiser Alumni are Honored Guests, *Hodson Hall.*
9:00 p.m.	Starlight Dance. "Twirl Through Time" as a Deejay plays the #1 hits from 1941-1991. If you have lost contact with your favorite dance partner, please call the Alumni Office at (800) 422-1782 ext. 462.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

9:00 a.m.	Ecumenical service in remembrance of departed classmates, *under the Elm.*
10:30 a.m.	Washington College Commencement. All those who graduated before 1942 will lead the Class of 1991 in their Commencement processional. Alumni Citations will be presented to Doug Gates '59 and Ford Schumann '73.

CLASS NOTES

'28 Marian Hunter Rankin moved to Charlestown in Catonsville, MD, in June 1990. She says it is one of the largest (nearly 1100 residents) and best such institutions in the U.S., offering every amenity and activity one could wish for. She has told her close friends Miriam Dumschott, Diantha Eaton and Esther Greer all about it.

'29 Wilton R. Todd has undergone radiation treatments at Dorchester General Hospital in Salisbury, MD. He wrote that the head doctor there has pronounced him cured. "No more cancer."

Miriam E. White is living at Glen Arbor, a retirement home in Baltimore. "Visitors would be very welcome."

'32 Bill Van Newkirk '38 writes that friends of Ray McCullough might want to know that he suffering from emphysema and is now restricted to his home in Friendsville, MD. If these friends are planning a trip west on Maryland I-48 "they should stop in Friendsville where anybody can tell you where Ray lives."

'35 Louis L. Goldstein, chairman of the College's Board of Visitors and Governors, was reelected as State Comptroller for the State of Maryland. Louis has been Comptroller since 1959. He has won national awards for state accounting and financial reporting. He has been recognized with awards for contributions to education and growth, as well as veterans, environmental and agricultural affairs.

'36 Miriam Ford Hoffecker and Pat Ingersoll '71 traveled to England again in May. Mim spends summers and falls in Chestertown where she sees many other alumni. "We all enjoy the College," she says. She will spend this winter in Baltimore indulging in the pleasures of the city, "not like our times in the '30s, but proper and pleasant for our time in the '90s."

William "Swish" Nicholson still gets four or five letters a week from baseball fans. "Most want my autograph. Some send photographs of me asking that I autograph them. I got a couple of requests from Japan, and a couple from Alaska." One request was for a personal appearance in Chicago, to be inducted into that city's baseball hall of fame. But Swish was unable to answer because thirty-seven years after playing his last game in the majors, he is recovering from illness on his farm near Chestertown.

Emerson P. Slacum is enjoying a busy, satisfying retirement after 18 years. "The D.C. Alumni Chapter's activities have been enjoyable. I am now looking forward to our class's 55th Reunion next May."

'37 Marvin H. Smith is retired from the Court of Appeals. He sits from time to time at all four levels of the court system in Maryland, mostly in the District Court.

Robert B. White and his wife, Evelyn, of Salisbury, MD, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in October. For this occasion their children sent them to New York City to see *Phantom of the Opera*.

'38 Audrey Clough Johnson spends most of her time in the Rock Hall Museum, her Indian Museum, lecturing, quilting and tutoring. "You have no idea how many good stories are hidden in our past."

In October 1989 Hazel Lynch Smith and her son and daughters attended a banquet at WC where her husband, Bill '40, was inducted posthumously into the Athletic Hall of Fame. "It was a proud moment for all of us. I also saw several other Hall of Famers from my years at WC."

Norm Shorb and his wife, Naomi, celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary in December 1990. They have two sons and five grandsons. Norm still enjoys golf even though the calendar has upped his handicap to a 14.

Bill Thompson loves San Clemente, CA. He retired from full-time medical practice in 1985 but keeps busy with golf, Kiwanis, volunteer medical work and two grandchildren.

'40 John A. Copple enjoyed his 50th class reunion and is "working on plans for the 100th!"

'41 Raymond Jervis Cooke writes, "Let us all try to be on campus for our 50th Reunion in May."

Peggy Branham Vandervoort is "very happy, very busy, with many happy memories of the Hill."

'43 Donald S. McClellan is "fully retired now and leaving for a cruise aboard my Vancouver 36' cutter, *Marie Elena*, through the Bahamas and Virgins, to Venezuela, through the Panama Canal into the South Pacific and wherever else the wind blows. I expect to be back for 50th reunion in 1993."

Jim Stevens participated in the 11th annual Senior Olympics held at Towson State University Stadium in October 1990. He won four silver medals in the following events: 100M Dash, 200M Dash, Running Long Jump and Long Jump. "Not bad for a 39 year-old (young) athlete, just in the prime of my life."

'44 Theodore Lytwyn writes that he would like to hear from his classmates of 1944. His address is 75 Hemlock Road, Short Hills, NJ 07078.

'46 Sara Whaley Towers and her husband are enjoying retirement immensely. Much of their time is spent traveling and helping with their three grandchildren.

'48 Ralph T. Giles still has his own tax and accounting practice in Gambrills, MD.

Lester E. Loder retired from the active United Methodist ministry and simultaneously from the faculty of Paul Smith's College, Paul Smith's, New York. Lester taught social sciences there for ten years

and retired in 1979 with the rank of associate professor.

'49 John "Jack" Coleman has retired to Ft. Lauderdale, FL. The Alumni Association hopes to have a reunion in Florida in the winter of 1992.

Dr. Curtis A. Gilgash is retired in Clearwater, FL. He makes an annual trip to Hawaii to join in Aloha Week festivities.

Lois Proctor Parker has retired after 40 years with the Montgomery County Public Schools and begun her own consulting and counseling firm, LP Parker Associates. Lois serves on several boards including St. John's Episcopal School Board of Trustees and is a member of the Vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church.

William E. Wright retired in 1990 after 24 years with IBM. He and his wife, Dorothy, live in Bealeton, VA.

'51 Frank W. Brower, Jr. had a wonderful visit from his old roommate and classmate, Harland R. Graet "Kutz", after an absence of about 36 years. "Our fortieth reunion is coming up and we want it to be well-attended and memorable."

Alexander "Sandy" Jones is "enjoying the good life in Chestertown." He has served as a trustee to the College's Board of Visitors and Governors since 1966.

Harry Kabernagel retired from FMC Corporation in 1988 and now builds and rebuilds fishing gear of all sizes. "Need fishing gear? Let's talk." Call him in Wallingford, PA.

Edward "Eddie" Leonard is working to get his golf handicap to "scratch." He spends more time at Lake of the Ozarks. He lives with his wife, Debbie, in Ballwin, MD.

Conlyn Noland retired from his position as assistant corporate comptroller with the Dupont Company. He is living in Lady Lake, FL.

Oden "Lee" Smith and his wife, Pat, are "semi-retired" and try to spend four months a year in their condo on Marco Island, FL, taking weekly cruises. "Pat says that this is not retirement, just time off." His daughter, Deborah, works with him on occasion as an auditor.

L. Ray "Rip" Wood retired in 1989 to Hilton Head Island, SC, to play tennis. Ray was recently inducted into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame.

'52 Bill Brogan, Jane Bradley Lowe '53 and Simone Potter '87 helped the Talbot County Friends of Washington College organize a breakfast meeting with U.S. Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady and WC president Charles Trout in Easton in October. The Treasury Secretary divides his time between Washington D.C. and his home on the Eastern Shore.

William M. Lloyd served four years in the Air Force during the Korean War. He has retired after 30 years of service with the State of Delaware Environmental Protection Agency.

James R. Trader is working for the Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Division of Food Control as a regional sanitarian. He lives in Salisbury.

'53 Vincent Hungerford has retired from the Naval Ordinance Station in Indian Head, MD, where he was technical director. He is now a senior associate with Booz, Allen and Hamilton in Washington, D.C.

Shirley Hand LaWall of B. Gary Scott's Haverford office has earned the Graduate Realtors Institute professional designation from the Pennsylvania Realtors Institute. Shirley has been a consistent member of the Million Dollar Club.

'55 John R. Parker has just published his third book, *How to Sink a Sub: A Substitute Teacher's Rather Strange Appraisal of the American Educational System.*

'57 Jack Becker retired in 1984 from the Baltimore Department of Education. He now works as part owner of Valley TV and Stereo in Owings Mills. He is the proud grandfather of two girls.

Tom Jones has raced motorcycles, "written a few vaguely successful novels," and taught school. Now he is building boats on the Tuckahoe River in NJ, assisted by his wife Carol, a second grade teacher. Tom is currently writing a book on boatbuilding and design. Each chapter will detail a class of boat and its types. Examples of his own work will be included in the illustrations.

Bert Lederer recently retired from federal service and is now manager of Windermere Real Estate in Oak Harbor, WA. Bert is also an adjunct professor on the faculty of Chapman College on Whidbey Island.

Donald Messenger is a practicing attorney in general practice with Messenger and Associates PA. He is also president of Consumer Real Estate Title, Inc., a real estate settlement firm, and is president elect of the Beltsville Rotary. Don coaches girls' lacrosse at St. Vincent.

'58 Mary "Sue" Brunk Pratt lives in Huntington, PA. She won first prize in the 1990 Huntington Arts Festival writing competition.

'59 Marilouise Knethe Bane and her husband, Jim, have lived in Rappa Hannock County under the Blue Ridge for nearly six years. Fox hunting, basseting and gardening keep them moving about. Marilouise is a vestry person and chairman of the annual House Tour.

Joan Russell Pilcher became a proud grandmother in July.

'60 George Boyd, Jr. is environmental safety director for the Pennsylvania Foundrymen's Association. He wrote a safety manual for the Federal OSHA and presented a copy to the government of China on a trip to the Far East.

After almost 20 years with the Maryland State Archives, Jane Wilson McWilliams has struck out on her own as a full-time free lance editor, writer and researcher in Maryland history.

Dee Dee Marquiss Pannell received her MBA at the Florida Institute of Technology in 1984. She is now director of Academic Computing Services on the Melbourne campus.

'61 Harold P. Spedden is beginning his fourth year as pastor of the Atlantic United Methodist Church in Ocean City, MD. "A great place to serve and live."

'62 Ken Arnold lives in Denver, CO, with his wife, Kristine, and the five children they have in colleges, high schools and preschool. "I think I'm through having kids now!"

Dr. Chester "Chet" Babat and his wife, Doris, live in St. Petersburg, FL. Their home, which is on the National Register of Historic Homes, and swimming pool were used in the movie *Cocoon*.

Ann Kane Bailey is the director of editorial services at Drexel University in Philadelphia where she is responsible for the alumni magazine and faculty/staff newspaper. She is also a consultant for a local parenting magazine and a proud grandparent.

Jean E. Edwards recently became associate executive vice president for Delmarva Foundation for Medical Care. Jean says give her a call if you're looking for a career in the health care review business.

Howard B. Wescott is associate professor of Spanish language and literary chairperson for the Department of Foreign Language and Literature at SUNY College in Fredonia, NY.

'63 Juliann Blazsek is social service director for St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly-Little Sister of the Poor in Totawa, NJ. The Home is a 128-bed health care facility.

Tom Osmanski is the director of engineering for Continental Can Co. International. He travels the world with his expertise in manufacturing technology. Susan Rice Osmanski '65 owns an antiques shop and estate sale service. They became first-time grandparents in 1990.

'64 Dr. Ronald E. Smith is professor and vice chairman of the department of ophthalmology at the University of Southern California Medical School in LA.

Patricia Godbolt White is chairman of the science department at Booker T. Washington High School in Norfolk, VA. Her book of poems, *Evolution & Espirit 'd P.G.*, has been published by Vantage Book Co.

'65 Governor James Florio of New Jersey has reappointed Jeffery Blitz as Atlantic County prosecutor for another five years. Blitz was initially appointed in 1985 by then governor Thomas Kean.

John "Jay" Dove is regional manager of sales for IMED Corporation in San Diego, CA.

A new EPA Superfund project took Dave Morgan to the Boston area. He works with the Army Corp of Engineers, New England Division to establish cost files. "How an English major keeps getting involved in finance is a good question." Dave would like to hear from any Boston area alumni.

'66 David M. King has been elected chairman of the Republican Central Committee of Calvert County, MD.

'67 Miriam B. Huebschuman has been elected president of the Eastern Shore Music Teachers Association. She lives in Salisbury, MD.

'69 Steve Amick and Louise Masten Amick live in Newark, DE. Steve, a lawyer with the DuPont Legal Department, has been reelected to the Delaware House of Representatives. Louise is a visiting professor of mathematics at WC.

Laura E. Bieder recently received a Doctor of Psychology degree from Rutgers University. She is working as a school psychologist at a public school and a private school for emotionally disturbed adolescents.

Stephen Claggett was recently appointed Judge of the District Court for Calvert County, MD, by Governor William Donald Schaefer.

William "Bill" Goff is an art dealer and publisher in New York City. He will be the guest curator of the third fine art baseball exhibition at Cooperstown Hall of Fame, April through November 1991.

Fran Greenbaum is happily living in Toronto, Ontario, Canada with her two children. She is vice president and research director of a small marketing consultancy, Product Initiatives.

Karen McCahill Brown received her MLS from the University of Maryland in 1988. She works as a library media specialist at T.C. Williams High School and as a reference librarian at Alexandria Library.

Ron Regan, an agent for State Farm Insurance in Ellicott City, MD, is coaching j.v. lacrosse at Mt. St. Mary's High School.

William C. Schmoldt is a computer technician for AT&T Bell Laboratories and the owner of Brielle Dive Center and Brielle Bookstore, "famous since 1981," in New Jersey. Bill ran the New York Marathon in 3:05 and the Boston marathon in 3:08.

'70 Sigrid Ben-Avi Balmer lives in London. She went to England 18 years ago to train as a veterinary nurse. She married a veterinarian and has two young daughters and several animals.

Sara Moniot LiLienthal has joined the Minneapolis-based consulting firm of Soll-Czeswik Associates as executive vice president for sales and marketing. Soll-Czeswik is affiliated with Lee Hecht Harrison, the nation's third largest outplacement and career transition consulting firm.

Linda Phinney Ormsby of Gruczelak & Associates in California has been elected to the 1991 edition of *2,0000 Notable American Women*, the second *Who's Who of Professional and Business Women* and the eleventh edition of *Who's Who of Women*.

Dr. Virginia Colfelt Arthur is serving the second of a three-year term as secretary of the Association of College and University Housing Officers-International executive board. Her job has expanded to include direction of two residence hall complexes housing approximately 5,700 residents.

'71 Judy Barnes is chapter secretary of the California Council of the Blind and an officer of the California Council of Citizens with Low Vision.

'72 Helen Perley Campbell and her husband now have a pre-stained siding business, a mini warehouse business, a mountain bike touring business, and four children. Helen volunteers as court-appointed advocate for abused and neglected children.

C.A. Hutton won a bronze medal in the 800m free, 40-44 age group, swimming for Team New York at the Gay Games held in Vancouver last August.

J. Frederick Price was appointed to serve as Circuit Court Judge for the State of Maryland. He was invested as an Associate Judge for the Second Judicial Circuit of Maryland in September 1990. He will serve as the resident Circuit Court Judge for Kent County. Judge Price succeeds the Honorable Elroy G. Boyer '43 who succeeded the Honorable George B. Rasin, Jr. '37.

Janet Stidman Eveleth is director of communications for the Maryland State Bar Association and editor and writer for the Maryland Bar Journal.

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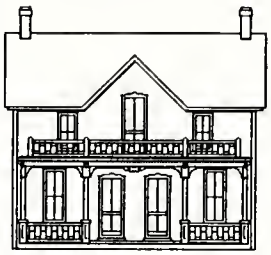

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Charles Johnson lives in Henderson, KY. "Trying to cope with a late harvest due to a cold spring. Job doesn't pay well but at least there's plenty of hard work. A sense of humor helps so I'm trying to cultivate one."

Randolph S. White owns a real estate company in Bozeman, MT and Goodtime Publishing which distributes automotive art worldwide.

'73 Mary Ruth Yoe is the only non-student in her family. Her husband, Ed, is in the English doctoral program at Northwestern. Her older daughter is in the first grade and her younger daughter is in pre-school. Mary Ruth continues to edit the *University of Chicago Magazine*, now a bimonthly.

Beth Kahn Leaman has moved to Chicago to work as a consultant in the communications research center of William Mercer, Inc.

'74 Victoria Lazzell, promoted to vice president and regional sales manager at Shawmut Bank, is "juggling the responsibilities of career with the joys of motherhood."

Margaret Meade-Bogguss was promoted to regional customer service manager for Ask Computer Systems, Inc. She will be transferring to Houston to manage the technical support staff for the southern region.

'75 William C. Collings and his bride, Rebecca, bought a 190-acre farm in North Carolina. He is "looking forward to retiring to the farm within the next several years, and getting away from the complexities of life around Washington, D.C." Bill is a consultant for TERA Systems in Reston, VA.

Jerry Moye is working for a poultry firm in Fresno, CA. He and his wife, Cherie, have two children.

Lynn Virgilio Ogilvy finally retired after 15 years of work to raise her daughter and await the arrival of the new baby.

Harold Thompson is director of marketing for PRI Associates, Inc. in Durham, NC. He is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the American Association for Affirmative Action.

'76 Jane Mitchell has retired from nursing. She volunteers for AARP, Meals on Wheels and the American Cancer Society.

'78 In May 1990, G. Byron Dail was graduated from the New England School of Law in Boston. He sat for the July Virginia Bar Exam, and was admitted to the Bar in November 1990. He has joined the family's law practice in Virginia Beach. "My office number is (804) 436-5652, and I would like to hear from my fellow classmates."

Carlos E. Wilton has become pastor of the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church in NJ.

Lt. Cdr. Greg Brandon returned from a Mediterranean deployment and Operation Desert Shield. He has served as chief engineer on the USS Ticonderoga (CG47) and expected orders to report to the Atlantic Fleet Propulsion Board in November.

Allison Robson Bateman lives in Rehoboth Beach with her husband Bernie Bateman.

'80 In November Loren C. Baim, a dentist, went on a medical/dental mission to Honduras. The missionary trip was organized by the Christian Medical and Dental Society to provide free medical care to needy people in Third World nations.

Northmore "Bill" Hamill, Linda and the boys are scheduled for a two and a half year tour to Rota, Spain, in early 1991.

Denise Belmore McEachern is manager, corporate regulatory affairs for Alcon Laboratories, Inc. in Fort Worth, TX.

Jake and Mary Pohanka Parr '81 are living in Columbia, MD, with their young daughter. Mary is a special education teacher in Baltimore. Jake is manager of technical support for Citizens Bank of Maryland.

Valerie Restifo was recently promoted to director of professional services at Resource Applications, Inc. in Baltimore. "I would like to hear from former classmates."

'81 Deborah Mohney Hoyes was married last February. She and her husband, Bob, honeymooned aboard a Windjammer in the West Indies.

'82 Elizabeth "Lizzie" Edgeworth Goddin is assistant director of development and director of alumni programs at the Maret School in Washington, DC. She and her husband, Harvie, have bought a house in Alexandria.

Kevin Kroencke completed the New York City Marathon in 3:13:12, qualifying him for the Boston Marathon this spring.

Leslie Lighton-Humphreys is working toward her instructor certificates to teach Word Perfect and Paradox. She is one of the Montgomery County, PA, representatives to the 21-member Schuylkill River Heritage Park Steering Committee .

Yvonne Marie O'Neill is the mother of three sons and the president of O'Neill Computer Products, Inc.

Richard Macaulay is starting his sixth winter/summer season in Vail, Colorado. He has a painting business and is pursuing his knowledge of the environment.

M'82 David A. Kergaard, principal of Kent County High School, has been appointed to a one-year term as chairperson of the National Association of Secondary Schools Principals Committee on the Smaller Secondary School. The committee works on improving learning opportunities for students and professional growth activities for administrators of smaller secondary schools.

'84 Jeanmarie Fegely Alls purchased a home in Primos, PA, and is busy fixing it up with her husband, Robert.

Georgeanna Linthicum Bishop and her husband, Tim, "have begun a very rewarding habit of rescuing dogs. After rescuing two in one year we hope to have even more in coming years." Georgeanna can still be found working as a curatorial assistant at the Baltimore Museum of Art.

Peggy Hoffman is assistant dean of housing at Towson State University and "continues to keep in touch with several members of 'Tappa Kegga.'"

Patrick Jones is living with his wife, Shayna, and their young daughter near Chestertown. Patrick is the owner of Benchmark Enterprises, contractors/builders, specializing in custom homes.

Jeffery Kauffman and Jennifer Hearn Kauffman live in Baltimore. He works as a finance manager at Tate Nissan. Jenny has a small cottage industry, handpainting cotton clothes. Marybeth Sandler Van Fossen helped design the company logo.

Margot Woods Kenzie and her husband left their jobs with Rouse Co. to become restauranteurs. They own Cafe Europa and Gyros and Grill in Portland, OR.

Timothy McGrath, married in 1989, lives with his wife, Anne Marie, in Bayport, NY. He retired from the NYPD and is now a police officer in Suffolk County. "Hi to Pat, Dan, Ron, Billy B. and all the friends I haven't kept in touch with."

James "Jim" Quinn is senior claims representative/investigator for State Farms Insurance Company in Dover, DE. He is still working weekends for the Chestertown Police Department where "I occasionally have the opportunity to work with the students."

Lois Ireland Ramponi and her husband have relocated to Arlington, VA. Lois is working as head librarian at the Office of Toxic Substances Chemical Library, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Births

Jeffrey Timm '75, a third daughter, Emily, in June 1990.

Missy Paca Blackwell '78, a third daughter, Anne Corbin, on November 3, 1990.

Jean Dixon Saunders '79, a daughter, Julia Elizabeth, on August 7, 1990.

Denise Belmore McEachern '80, a son, Christopher Ian, on September 25, 1990. Christopher joins sister, Michelle, 2 1/2.

Sallie Lewis Miller '80, a daughter, Heather, on May 11, 1990.

Andrew '82 and Karen Morgan Bucklee '84, a daughter, Elizabeth Coley, on November 23, 1990.

David Pointon '82 a daughter, Kelly Rita, on August 12, 1990.

Suzanne Pinnix Welker '82, a daughter, Corinne Veronica, September 17, 1990. She joins brother Nicholas, 2 1/2.

Tinsley Belcher Van Osten '84, a daughter, Samantha Leigh, on November 25, 1990.

Christopher Santa Maria '85, a daughter, Ellen Theresa, on May 15, 1990.

Susan Kelly Englebert '85, a daughter, Sarah Margaret.

Marriages

John A. McKenna '58 to Frances T. Carter, May 4, 1990 in Chestertown.

David M. King '66 to Wendy Darress, April 6, 1990.

Suzanne Marsh '69 to Robert H. Shank, November 3, 1990. They were married in a hot air balloon over Glouster County, NJ.

William R. Collings '75 to Rebecca E. Stocks, October 28, 1990. Best man was Lou Reedt '73. Bill Urspruch '73 and Doris Brooks Reedt '83 attended.

Michael Cordrey '75 to Elissa M. Carol, summer of 1990, in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

Anne T. Kelly '82 to Jeffrey Y. Laynor, March 31, 1990 in Allentown, PA.

Jessica H. Fowler '82 to Leslie B. Vaughan, Jr., July 21, 1990 in Baltimore, MD.

William H. Norris 3rd '82 to Anne Katherine Johnstone, December 15, 1990.

Rebecca L. Chambers '83 to John Mitchell, October 13, 1990.

Jill DelConte '85 to Scott Virelson, November 17, 1990.

Kevin R. Giblin '85 to Karen Lynn Armstrong, June 2, 1990 in Vestal, NY.

Elizabeth Guastavino '85 to Thomas Wilk, May 12, 1990 in Rock Hall, MD.

Brian Scott Mullaney '85 to Susan Townsend, May 19, 1990 in Ocean City.

Ellen Hennessey '86 to Michael A. Arthur, September 22, 1990.

Erin Ann Back '86 to Brendan A. J. Courtney, May 19,1990 in Towson, MD.

Karen Lynn Durn '86 to Patrick Steven Owen recently in Annapolis, MD.

Kevin Michael Schultz '86 to Mary Blossom Gale, August 10, 1990.

ZoeLynne E. Weil '86 to Michael Sursock, October 27, 1990. Kathy Unger '86, Lorna Moloney'87, Cindy Overdorf-Cranney '86, Peggy-Sue Hoffman '84, Willy Thompson '87 and Bo Wilson '87 attended.

Kevin P. Lauricella '87 to Suzanne Elizabeth Potts, September 22, 1990 in Hopewell, NJ.

Laurie Gordy '88 to Michael Hern '88, August 11, 1990.

Brian James Kelleher '88 to Lee Patterson Bowen, October 6, 1990 in Lynchburg, VA.

Thomas Schuster '88 to Janet Szabo '88, May 26, 1990 in Lorain, OH. Attendants were Marcia Waynant Patchan '87, Sarah Pinney '88, Paul Henderson '87, Jim Fragomeni '88 and Michael Rudin '88.

Lisa Lambert '89 to Raul Felipa '89, October 6, 1990 in Clinton Township, NJ.

Eleanor Horine '90 to Jeffrey S. Collyer, May 1990 at St. Paul's Church near Chestertown.

Marybeth Sandler Van Fossen is a freelance graphic designer. She recently volunteered with the Festival of Trees for the March of Dimes and Peninsula General Hospital. Ronnie Q. Robinson '83 was the chairman of her committee.

Judi Skelton Spann is working in the public relations office at the Monterey Bay Aquarium in California. In July 1991 Judi and her husband, Bill, will be moving to Japan where he will be the deputy public affairs officer at the Navy base in Yokusuka.

'85 Paul A. Amirata started a new job in October working as an environmental claims examiner at the American International Group in New Jersey. He reports that "George Halvopoulos '86 is doing fine."

Elizabeth Guastivino Wilk, married in May in Rock Hall, MD, is the museum registrar for Wheaton Village in Millville, PA.

'86 Lisa Thomas-Hewett is working for Ann Taylor, Inc. as the Jacksonville store manager. Lt. Bill Hewett, U.S.N. is serving with the Strike Fighter Squadron 137.

Nancy Klos is directing the personnel department of PTP Industries, a packaging company in Baltimore. She has been "traveling extensively and moving frequently in a vain attempt to out-run the WC Alumni Giving Fund! I recently bought a condo in Pasadena, MD so there is now no money left when they do track me down."

Shawn Orr, his wife and new daughter have been in the Philippines visiting in-laws. After a trip to Hong Kong and taking the train to Shanghai, he is flying back to Maryland to prepare for a return to the Merchant Marines.

Kevin Schultz is a member of the U.S. Army's Alpha Company, 1/504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Div., serving in the Middle East in "Operation Desert Shield."

D.L. Peter Shafer is the program associate for the Public Affairs Council in Washington, D.C. He is responsible for Political Action Committee research, State Government Relations and is co-author of the *1991-1992 Public Interest Profiles*.

Ruth Vaeth is teaching social studies at Arundel Junior High and working on a master's degree at WC.

'87 Judy Beckman works at ITT Sheraton in research and product development. She reports that Laurie Gordy '88 is at the University of Connecticut in a Ph.D. program in sociology.

Daniel Forzano is doing book design in Manhattan on Macintosh computers. He is hiking the Appalachian Trail in sections with Greg Anderson.

Tim Gray is director of tennis at Gatewood Club in Greenwood, SC. Suzanne Ruppert Gray is enjoying full-time motherhood.

Patrick J. McMenamin graduated from Widener University School of Law in May and is an assistant district attorney in Montgomery County, PA. Pat passed the Pennsylvania Bar Exam on November 19, 1990.

"Skip Middleton, where are you?" Call Colleen Deegan '88 (301) 881-4964.

Jean Steigleman graduated from the University of Baltimore Law School and works at the Baltimore city law firm of West, Carey, Frame, & Barnstein.

Richard Taylor 'M89 is a research laboratory technician, conducting drug research for the National Institute on Drug Abuse, in Baltimore.

'88 Chris Doherty is a health care consultant for American International Group in Rockville, MD. He represented WC with fellow alumni Chris Foley '89, Charlotte Post '89 and Kevin Langan '90 in the 1990 Georgetown Winterfest Classic in Washington, DC.

Christopher M. Fascetta, in his final year at Widener University School of Law, plans to graduate in May 1991.

Laurie Gordy married Mike Hearn in August. Laurie completed her master's degree in sociology at the University of Connecticut in 1989. She continues in the University's Ph.D. program while teaching courses to undergraduates.

Sheila Lynn Herman is teaching Maryland's Tomorrow (at-risk students) at Kent County High School. "It is the most challenging and rewarding thing I've ever done."

Erin Patterson works for the American Red Cross in emergency services. She was on assignment in Texas and Puerto Rico after Hurricane Hugo. She has accepted an interim position as administrator for family services in Kansas City, MO.

Hilary S. Scheer is working for the Fauquier Times-Democrat, in Warrenton, VA. She is editor of the lifestyles/feature section.

Thomas Schuster and Janet Szabo were married last spring and live in Baltimore. He is a home improvement contractor and she is a computer support specialist for Chemical Information Systems, Inc. Janet kept her maiden name, raises sheep and in her spare time spins, knits and cooks.

Cora Shorter is working as a budget analyst on the policy planning and evaluation staff for the U.S. Coast Guard.

Harold Spangler is a sophomore at Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. He plans to graduate in 1993.

M. Lillie Turgut is a third year student at the University of Georgia Law School. Lillie spent her first summer of law school clerking for the English law firm, Charles Russell. Last summer she attended the Hague Academy of International Law. She is planning on doing a Master of Laws at Cambridge next year.

'89 Genie Auchincloss teaches ninth and tenth grade English at Sts. Peter and Paul School in Easton, MD. Genie rows with the Chester River Rowing Team.

Randy Capel has been promoted to corporate banking officer at Maryland National Bank of the Eastern Shore. He manages a commercial loan portfolio.

Becky Cox is working for a leasing company in Hunt Valley, MD, as a client liaison. She travels all across the country and says "it's incredibly challenging/fulfilling."

Kathleen B. McGuigan worked for six months at 98.3 Star FM radio as nightime deejay and news reporter, and now works for a group of six consulting firms who lobby on Capitol Hill.

Catherine L. Michel has recently been accepted to a management training program at a division of May Department Stores which operates as Payless Shoe Stores. She is looking forward to being relocated to New England in January or February.

Paul Schuncke keeps seeing WC alums at Grateful Dead concerts.

Robert H. Sparre of Cooper Barroll Realty in Chestertown is listed as a Maryland historic property appraiser by the Maryland Historical Trust. According to the trust, there are 17 appraisers of historic property in the state. Robert is one of two on the Eastern Shore.

Jesse F. Winston and Lynn Burgess live together in Arnold, MD. and work together as managers for R.H. Macy.

For the record: Our class notes policy does not permit us to run news of impending marriages or births. We are happy, though, to run notices of those blessed events once they have occurred.

Deaths

Sarah Ethel Collison '09 died December 2, 1990 at her home in Annapolis, MD. She had celebrated her 100th birthday on October 13th. Mrs. Collison taught elementary school in the Annapolis area for over 60 years and was an active volunteer in many health-related organizations. She is survived by two daughters, one son, four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and one sister.

Ada Dale St. John '26 of Middletown, MD, formally of Drexel Hill, PA, died December 1, 1990. Mrs. St. John taught for many years at Media (PA) High School. She is survived by a daughter, a son, a brother, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mary Elizabeth Humphreys Moorshead '42 of Strafford, PA, died October 15, 1990. Mary Liz sold real estate in the Upper Main Line area of Philadelphia for 18 years and was an active volunteer with the Chester County Historical Society. She is survived by her husband, Frank, a son, a daughter, a brother, a sister, Barbee H. Roe '34 and four grandchildren. A sister, Nancy H. Hauslodner '46, died in 1953.

Dorothy Criswell Walker '44 of Gaithersburg, MD, died September 18, 1990. Mrs. Walker served for 28 years as the registrar at Gaithersburg High School and was a member of Grace United Methodist Church. She is survived by a son, a daughter, two brothers and four grandchildren.

Joel Guandolo '53 of Fairfax, VA, died during April, 1990 of cancer.

Robert H. Turner '60 of Severna Park, MD, died December 14, 1990 from injuries sustained in an accident. Mr. Turner worked in higher education both in the state of Maryland and in Germany before founding the Severna Park Quick Repair Co. in 1981. He is survived by his wife, Sue Newman Turner '60, two sons and two sisters.

Frances Dee Marshall Newnam '63 of St. Michaels, MD died on September 21, 1990. Dee served as an instructor and as program coordinator at the Caroline Center. She is survived by her husband, a son, her mother, a stepsister and a stepbrother.

Pamela Horsmon Welch -65 of Lovettsville, VA, died on November 23, 1990 of cancer. For the past 19 years Pam had worked as a clerk of the House Government Operations subcommittee on human resources and intergovernmental relations. She is survived by her husband, her mother and a brother.

CURRENTS

A Pilot's Letter Home From The Middle East

by Lt. Ted Jenkins '85, U.S. Navy

Editor's Note: We wrote to Lt. Jenkins before Christmas, asking him to contribute a letter home for publication. His response reached us in early January, two weeks before Allied forces began an aerial assault on Iraq in which Jenkins almost certainly participated. We wish him well, and pray that by the time this Magazine is off press, the war will be over.

His mailing address is printed below. If you know of other servicemen who might like to hear from classmates and friends, please forward their addresses to us for publication.

To those of my friends who have grown apart, as college friends usually do, I'm glad to say that all of you instill fond memories of carefree, younger days that I will never forget. Washington College was a catalyst for these feelings, which I'm sure exist deeply in all of us. To those who are still close, and to those who are not so, forgive me for not writing sooner. This letter, I imagine, should bring you all up to date. In essence, a letter home.

I've been flying Navy F-14 Tomcats for more than three years now, and I never thought I'd be where I am now. Last August my unit, fighter Squadron 32, was given five days notice to deploy to the Red Sea aboard the *USS John F. Kennedy* in support of Operation Desert Shield. It has now been close to five months. Although we were all uprooted from our families and sent into potential harm's way, I have, however, remained in good spirits. Like everyone else though, I'd like to come home.

I am currently assigned as a Radar Intercept Officer, and my role in this great drama is in many ways very exciting. The flying is continuous and the training has never been better. Our days in the air consist of Combat Air Patrols, low-level navigation and Air Combat Maneuvering missions. The zero to 140 mph "catshot" off a carrier's catapult is a better ride than anything Disney ever dreamed of, while flying at 500 feet and 550 knots over endless desolate canyons is breathtaking. All in all, the flying is fabulous and helps us forget the real reason we're here.

Many people think of Saudi Arabia as an enormous beach, but it is not the endless stretches of sand that I first imagined. Recently, we flew over terrain that rivaled the Grand Canyon in variety and rugged splendor. It is spectacular indeed to race past the high jagged peaks of Jabalshar, the rocky, grassless valleys, and malformed volcanic formations where no human being could possibly endure. It is simply astounding that Bedoin tribesmen call it home! Except for the camels, it resembles the moon.

On a different note, we have been maintaining a high alert status, and working 90 hour work weeks. With 4,999 other guys aboard ship, there is no such thing as privacy. As an officer, I am fortunate to live in an eight-man bunkroom versus the 96-man bunkrooms inhabited by the enlisted personnel. One frequently puts in a 22-hour day, so sleep becomes a much sought after commodity. Life below decks has become a monotonous routine and as the holidays come and go, morale will become more and more difficult to uphold. Pulling into ports of call is where we are able to relax, but they have been few and far between.

My father, a WWII infantryman, said that in the event of armed conflict, the Navy is the place to be. Thank God I'm not a ground trooper pounding the sands of in-country Saudi Arabia. Besides the threat of Saddam Hussein, they have to put up with that hostile desert environment. Foxholes, sandbags, and K-rations are the infantry's way of life. In comparison, an aircraft carrier is not such a bad place to be.

Since I first joined the Navy, I have loved what I do and have never had any regrets. I won't bother you with any patriotic rhetoric, but understand, we will do what we have to do. When I think of the situation at hand, it is terribly frightening, and I truly hope that it will be resolved without casualty. The support from home has been absolutely fabulous. As January approaches, there is constant speculation of whether Saddam Hussein is going to back down.

Honestly, I don't think anybody really knows. One can argue over the capabilities of the United States Military in this day and age, but rest assured that as a whole, we are a cut above the best. I must admit that I have mixed feelings about this whole affair, and the uncertainty of the unknown is bothersome. I have no idea when I will be home or when we will be relieved, but I continue to hope and pray. In the meantime, all we can do is live day to day and hope for more letters from home.

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College Events

February 25
Exhibit of photographs by Robert Willis, O'Neill Literary House, reception 4:30 p.m.

February 27
Lecture and Video: "Freedom Bags," with sociologist Elizabeth Clark-Lewis, presented by the Washington College Committee on African American Culture, Casey Forum, 8 p.m.

March 1
The Chestertown Arts League Annual Juried Exhibition, Tawes Lobby, Gibson Performing Arts Center, 5 p.m.

March 3
WC Chamber Music Ensemble, Norman James Theatre, 3 p.m.

March 5
All-day colloquium on Russia, sponsored by the Women's League of Washington College, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

March 6
Piano recital by Jeanette Micklem, Tawes Theatre, 8 p.m.

March 19
Concert Series: The Cavani String Quartet, Tawes Theatre, 8 p.m. General admission $8.

March 22
Poet Jorie Graham reads from her work, Norman James Theatre, 4 p.m.

March 22
Exhibition organized by Maryland Art Place, Baltimore, Gibson Performing Arts Center, reception 5 p.m. On exhibit through April 17.

April 7
The Washington College Early Music Consort, Norman James Theatre, 4 p.m.

April 11
Lecture: "Economics and the Environment," Warren Brookes, Casey Academic Center Forum, 7:30 p.m.

April 12
Spring Concert by the Washington College Community Chorus, Tawes Theatre, Gibson Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.

April 13
Visiting Committee meeting/Alumni Council meeting
Alumni Spring Weekend

April 17
The first annual Guy F. Goodfellow Lecture with James McPherson, Professor of History, Princeton University, Casey Academic Center Forum, 7:30 p.m. Admission free.

April 21
The Washington College Jazz Band in concert, Tawes Theatre, 4 p.m.

April 23
The Washington College Chamber Music Ensemble in concert, Tawes Theatre, 8 p.m.

April 24
Lecture: John Cronin, Hudson River Keeper, presented by the Chester River Association, 7:30 p.m., Casey Academic Center Forum

April 26
Annual Student Art Exhibit, Constance Stuart Larrabee Arts Center, Reception 5 p.m.

April 27
Board of Visitors and Governors.
Mardel Alumni Chapter post-lacrosse game reception in Salisbury.
Concert Series: The Percussion Group. Workshop for children, 3 p.m., Norman James Theatre (admission free); concert 8 p.m., Tawes Theatre. General admission $8.

May 5
Alumni Run in New York City, Post-race picnic in Central Park

May 17-19
Reunion Weekend

May 19
Washington College's 209th Commencement Exercises, 10:30 a.m., Campus Lawn.

May 30
Boston Alumni Chapter inauguration event. Red Sox vs. Orioles at Fenway Park.

September 14
All alumni off-campus reunion. Reception at the Brandywine Museum, Chadd's Ford.

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FRED MACLEAN '91

HOMES:
Richmond, Virginia
Lighthouse Point, Florida

MAJORS: Political Science

GIVING LEVEL: Junior 1782 Society.

PROFILE: As seniors, Cliff and Fred look back over their four years at Washington College with pride. Roommates for the past two years, they share activities and interests. In their junior year, Cliff and Fred organized and instituted the first state-affiliated chapter of The Washington Republicans and were both selected to be interns at the Maryland State Assembly in Annapolis. Busy with their thesis work this year, Cliff and Fred have still found time to be involved with the College's first Senior Campaign Committee, a student fundraising drive for the Annual Fund.

WHY WE GIVE: "The Senior Campaign Committee has really been an education in philanthropy for me," remarks Fred. "Being involved with this group has showed me how important every contribution is to the vitality of this school. It is not just dollars that matter, it is the fact that every single alumni, parent and friend is supporting us."

Cliff adds, "I feel fortunate to have been asked to be involved with this group, because it has given me a chance to see things from another side. I want to give to Washington College because I believe in the education I received here and I want to help carry on the tradition of outstanding alumni support that is so much a part of this school."